



Public Notice Winter Weather Reminders

As winter draws near, the Town is preparing for the snowy season by proactively gearing up to address weather conditions. Staff's focus is ensuring a prompt and efficient response to maintain road safety and safeguard the community before, during and after extreme weather.

The Town is once again utilizing the [online Plow Tracker](#), a digital map to help community members stay updated about the Town's winter response efforts and winter road maintenance. The interactive map informs residents about salting, sanding and snow plowing operations.

As a reminder about winter safety, please read below about how to stay safe during the winter months and severe weather events.

Snow Removal

Be in the know when it comes to snow! The Town's [snow removal procedures](#) support safe road maintenance and safe road and sidewalk conditions during the winter months.

Some tips for residents include:

- Pile all snow from your driveway and walkways on your property, not the road. When clearing your driveway, pile snow on the right side of your driveway if you are facing the street; this will help reduce the amount of snow pushed back into your driveway by a plow.
- Keep fire hydrants clear and accessible; gaining access could be critical in the event of a fire.
- On your garbage day, place your garbage and recycling containers close to the edge of the road but not so close as to interfere with snow removal.
- Do not deposit snow on public roadways. Pushing or blowing snow and ice onto or across public roadways creates an unsafe situation for drivers and can be punishable by a fine under Section 181 of the *Highway Traffic Act*.

Winter Parking

Residents are reminded that restrictions on [snow removal and street parking](#) are in effect during the winter months.

Please do not leave vehicles parked on a public roadway during or after a winter storm event; this allows for proper plow truck operations. Pursuant to the Town's Parking and Traffic By-Law 4308-09 and the Repair and Storage Liens Act RSO 1990 c. R25, By-Law Enforcement Officers may issue parking infraction notices and tow vehicles directly interfering with snow removal.

Stormwater Ponds

As temperatures drop in the upcoming weeks, ice may begin to form on stormwater ponds and natural bodies of water throughout Town. Residents are reminded to please keep themselves, their children and their pets away from stormwater ponds that have frozen over.

Stormwater pond ice appears solid but has fluctuating water flows that create a freeze/thaw environment, resulting in unknown ice conditions. The ice is unstable and unsafe for recreational activities, including walking, ice skating and hockey.

Signage will be installed around stormwater ponds advising of winter safety protocols and risks (e.g., changing conditions, keeping off the ice, etc.). Residents are asked to please adhere to the information outlined on the signage to stay safe.

Helpful Tips

Other helpful reminders for the winter season are as follows:

- Report any slippery or dangerous road conditions by calling 905-468-3266, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 905-682-2704 after hours, or report concerns via the Town's online [Service Request Portal](#).
- Offer snow removal help to your neighbours who require assistance.
- Under severe weather conditions, it takes some time to get to all streets. If your street has not been plowed, please allow at least 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling for Town plow trucks to arrive. Please keep in mind that if you live on a Regionally-owned Road, the Region's plow trucks are responsible for plowing your street.
- Follow the Town on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for weather-related updates.

For frequently asked questions about winter parking, snow removal processes and significant weather events, please visit www.notl.com/town-services/roads-infrastructure/snow-procedures.