





WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STAY SAFE IN WINTER

 Try and stay ahead of the accumulation by shovelling snow from your driveway and sidewalks every couple of hours before it gets difficult to remove.


 Please don't push your snow onto the street; pile it on your lawn or in a designated area that will allow the snow to melt as the weather warms up.


 Clear your vehicles of all snow, including the snow on the roof of your car, and when possible, try to park off of the street to allow City snowplows more room to remove snow from the roadway.


 If you need to travel, try to do it between 9 am and 4 pm while there is daylight and mitigate the chances of driving on icy roads and slippery intersections.


 Drive with extreme caution and slow down.

 Give yourself extra space between yourself and other vehicles, and allow plenty of time to brake.

 Use your horn to alert those around you if you feel you're losing control.


 Ensure your snow-rated tires are correctly inflated and in good condition to maximize their effectiveness in winter conditions.


 Plan your route. Try to avoid steep roads and parking on slopes. Take the time to find a safe place to park, even if it means walking a bit.

 Assume that any clear roads are icy roads. Sand, salt, and brine work well to prevent ice from forming, but they are not entirely reliable.



WHO CAN I CALL IF I HAVE A REQUEST OR QUESTIONS?

 Call 250.720.2840 during regular working hours (7:00 am - 4:30 pm) for general inquiries.

 After regular working hours, on weekends and statutory holidays, emergency calls can be directed to the Port Alberni Fire Department at 250.724.1351.

We're here for you!

 We're committed to mitigating the impacts of snow, ice and extreme weather events in our community.

City staff work diligently on maintaining emergency and public vehicle access on priority routes and to City facilities.



FOR MORE INFO:

Head to portalberni.ca and search for 'Snow and Ice Control.'



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YOUR CITY GUIDE TO SNOW AND ICE CONTROL



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SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

The City of Port Alberni focuses on maintaining good winter driving conditions on emergency and priority routes during the winter season.

Hello snow, rain, sunshine, ice and rainbows - all in one day! Due to Port Alberni's unique topography, challenging weather patterns and changing atmospheric dynamics due to climate change, it can be challenging maintaining City streets, particularly during snow and ice events.

The safety of citizens and workers, emergency response, public transit, and ease of travel for vehicles and pedestrians are some considerations that affect operations during the winter. Plowing major routes and neighbourhoods can be a big job, and we endeavour to accomplish this in the most cost-effective manner possible while still maintaining a high level of service.



PRIORITY ROUTES

Keeping emergency and main travel routes crucial for transportation open is most important.

Salting and snow plowing priorities are primarily based on traffic volumes and transit routes. The main streets or 'arterials' are completed first, followed by the 'collector' streets. These include all City transit and school bus routes. Residential streets are plowed last and only if priority routes remain clear.

City staff also maintain public access to City facilities by clearing sidewalks, parking lots, bridges, etc.



To see a map of the City's priority routes, go to portalberni.ca and search for 'Snow and Ice Control'.



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FAQ's - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Why does the City use salt and sand?

Salt and salt brine are de-icing agents used to prevent snow and initial ice build-up on paved roadways due to salt's lower freezing temperature. To prevent snow from freezing to the asphalt, salt brine is applied to streets before predicted snow. Salt is also used to break up accumulations of ice and snow. Sand is an abrasive and is primarily used to improve traction on an already slippery surface.



When will my street get plowed and salted?

Please reference the [Priority Routes](#) section on the previous page for how the City addresses salting and snow plowing priorities. To sum it up:



Main streets are completed first, followed by the 'collector' streets. These include all City transit and school bus routes.



Residential streets are plowed last and will only be plowed if priority routes remain clear in the event of continuous snow fall.



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WHAT ROLE DO BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS HAVE?

Residents and businesses play an important role during snowy and icy weather.



Clear sidewalks.

Businesses must remove snow from sidewalks bordering their property as it accumulates. We'd also like to encourage residents and businesses to clear snow from sidewalks adjacent to their property.



Move parked vehicles off the street.

If you can move your car off the road, it will help our operators clear your street as quickly and efficiently as possible.



Reduce hazards.

The best spot to shovel your snow is your own property. Shovelling snow onto the street is not permitted under the City's Traffic Regulation Bylaw. This keeps the streets safe for drivers and allows for proper drainage along curbs.



Be your neighbourhood's snow angel.

If you are able, please lend a hand to your neighbours as some people in our community may have difficulty clearing snow and ice.



Access to drains and fire hydrants. Please help us clear snow from storm drains and fire hydrants fronting your property. Your help will allow drainage of melting snow and ensure quick access to a hydrant in case of a fire.

