

City Brings in 2014 with... Snow Removal!

Seasonal and targeted parking bans announced for collector/bus routes

The City of Edmonton will enact a seasonal parking ban on collector/bus routes beginning at 7 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014.

"Edmonton experienced several minor snowfalls during the holiday season and we need to plow the arterial roads and collector/bus routes to keep commuter traffic and Edmonton Transit buses moving safely," said Bob Dunford, Director of Roadway Maintenance. "What better way to start a new year in our winter city than with a renewed focus on getting snow off our roads?"

Vehicles parked on designated parking ban routes after 7 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014 are subject to tagging and towing for as long as the ban is in effect, even after snowplows have made an initial pass. Removing parked vehicles allows roadway maintenance crews to plow curb-to-curb and move as quickly as possible through Edmonton. The ban will remain in effect until plowing is complete across the city.

Once the seasonal parking ban is lifted the City will initiate a targeted parking ban on collector/bus routes in order to remove windrows created by plowing, likely beginning Monday, January 6, 2014.

"The significant snow accumulation Edmonton received through November and December means we need to remove the windrows along the collector/bus routes where we've plowed," said Dunford. "Windrow removal on collector/bus routes will take approximately three weeks, during which time blowers and trucks need to have unobstructed access to those roads."

Unlike the seasonal parking ban, which remains in effect across Edmonton until all collector/bus routes have been plowed, the targeted parking ban will be in effect only during specific times on specific collector/bus routes where windrows are being removed. Temporary 'No Parking' signs will be placed 24 hours before work begins on targeted routes.

Vehicles parked on targeted parking ban routes must be removed before work begins on targeted routes. The City will enforce the targeted parking ban with tickets and towing between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. while windrows are being removed.

"We deliberately chose to use temporary, location-specific parking restrictions for windrow removal rather than implementing a city-wide seasonal parking ban," said Dunford. "Given the nature of the operation, it made more sense to park only on the collector/bus routes where crews are working. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we clear windrows over the next several weeks."

Citizens are encouraged to keep informed about the status of the seasonal and targeted parking bans and other winter road maintenance activities by monitoring local media, calling 311, checking the City of Edmonton website, keeping tabs on the City's Twitter and Face Book accounts, and watching for digital message boards, transit electronic messaging and temporary 'No Parking' signs on targeted collector/bus routes. Citizens can also sign up for the [email notification system](#) on [edmonton.ca/snowparking](#).

On January 6, 2014 the windrow removal location schedule will be available on the City of Edmonton website at [edmonton.ca/busroutesnowremoval](#).

For more information on winter roadway maintenance, please visit
[edmonton.ca/winterroads](#).

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