

Winter Roads Update and Seasonal Parking Ban Announcement

City crews continue to clear the snow with priority being given to freeways and major arterial roads, including river valley hills.

"We have every piece of snow equipment on the roads today, working to get our roads clear and safe," said Bob Dunford, Director of Roadway Maintenance. "Contract crews and equipment will be called in to assist over the weekend."

A seasonal parking ban will go into effect on collector bus routes throughout Edmonton at 11 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Snow clearing on collector bus routes will begin once the parking ban is in effect.

Vehicles not removed from signed bus routes are subject to tagging and towing. Bylaw officers will be targeting areas of Edmonton which most often cause problems for commuters, transit operators and emergency responders. The fine for a vehicle parked on a bus route during a ban is \$50. Even if graders have gone through an affected route, vehicles are not permitted to park there until the ban has been lifted.

Motorists are encouraged to drive for winter conditions -- slow down, brake sooner and leave extra space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. Please also use extreme caution when approaching or passing snow maintenance equipment.

"We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we work to ensure motorists can get around safely on this final weekend of the holidays," said Dunford. "We hope motorists will not park on collector bus routes during the parking ban, in order to help us do a thorough job as efficiently as possible."

Roadway Maintenance will continue to monitor snowfall and provide ongoing updates. There are currently no timelines for a neighbourhood blading cycle.

Edmontonians can stay informed about blading cycles, parking bans and other winter roadway maintenance activities at edmonton.ca/winterroads. The page includes an interactive map of the neighbourhood blading schedule. Residents can also register to receive email notifications about parking bans and blading.

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