

## **News Release**

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## Neighbourhood Blading Cycle Begins January 7

City crews worked through the weekend on priority routes including arterial roads and collector/bus routes across the City following significant snowfall and extremely low temperatures.

During the first day of the seasonal parking ban, 764 tickets were issued to vehicles not removed from designated routes. The seasonal parking ban on collector/bus routes will remain in effect until 7 p.m. on Monday, January 5 and enforcement will continue until that point, so citizens are asked to keep their vehicles off signed roads until the ban officially ends.

Priority routes have been plowed down as close to bare pavement as possible, but there is still a thin layer of ice on the roads that make conditions slippery in areas. Crews will continue to lay down sand to improve traction but drivers are reminded to brake gently, leave plenty of space between vehicles, navigate on and off ramps carefully, and take into account the extra time required to arrive safely at their destinations.

City of Edmonton Roadway Maintenance crews will move into neighbourhoods to start blading to a level 5 cm snow pack from 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7 until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12 (no blading will take place Saturday or Sunday).

Residents are reminded that the day for blading will stay the same throughout the winter; for instance, if their street is bladed on a Wednesday during the first cycle, it will always be on a Wednesday during subsequent cycles.

Edmontonians can find out when crews will be in their areas by visiting Neighbourhood Blading and using either the address search tool or referring to the coloured map graphic.

While there is no parking ban in place for blading in residential areas, the City asks citizens to move their vehicles or park off-street wherever possible so that trucks can blade from curb to curb. Please remember that while windrows are kept to a maximum 30 cm height in front of driveways, curbside windrows are **not** removed. Those wishing to continue parking on-street after the work has been done are required to clear a spot for themselves.

Blading is a 24-hour, around the clock operation; crews can be in neighbourhoods at any time on the day indicated on the map (from midnight to midnight).

The residents of West Jasper Place, Crestwood, Henderson Estates and Haddow are reminded that their neighbourhoods are part of the one-side parking ban pilot from November 1 until March 15; enforcement of that targeted ban will continue through the winter season. For more information on the parking pilot, please visit Winter Parking Ban Pilot.

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