

# **News Release**

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## **Seasonal Parking Ban Declared**

#### Crews to clear arterial and collector roadways this weekend

The City of Edmonton is declaring a seasonal parking ban on arterial and collector bus routes effective at 11 p.m. Friday, February 6.

"Our crews have been working around the clock since the snow began falling yesterday. We had excellent response from private grading contractors to help in our efforts to get Edmontonians through this morning's commute," said Bob Dunford, Director of Roadway Maintenance. "Our next step is to clear the snow away from main roads and bus routes. We ask that residents along these routes find alternative parking to help us get the roads cleaned as quickly and efficiently as possible."

Vehicles parked on designated seasonal parking ban routes after 11 p.m. tonight are subject to tagging and towing for as long as the ban is in effect, even after snowplows have made an initial pass. The ban will remain in effect until plowing is complete across the city.

There were 150 pieces of hired equipment out Thursday night and 123 pieces of City equipment, for a total of 273 plows and graders on the road.

Dunford reminded citizens to be cautious and drive to winter conditions, and to give maintenance crews a wide berth so they can complete their work safely and efficiently.

"Please be careful around our plows and graders," he said. "They're out on the road 24 hours a day. Help them do their jobs by keeping a safe distance."

The City will determine on Monday morning when to start the next neighbourhood blading cycle. Its timing is dependent on how arterial and collector snow removal goes this weekend.

Residents can stay informed about the parking ban and other winter road maintenance activities by monitoring local media, checking the City of Edmonton website, keeping tabs on the City's Twitter and Face Book accounts, watching for digital message boards and transit electronic messaging, and by signing up for the email notification system available <a href="edmonton.ca/snowparking">edmonton.ca/snowparking</a>.

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