

City roadway crews ready for winter

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It may be earlier than usual, but the City of Edmonton's winter roadway crews are ready to plow into action.

"The City has over 150 pieces of equipment to handle all aspects of the winter, including plows, sanders, graders, sidewalk plows and more," said Eduardo Sosa, director of Roadway Maintenance. "For snowfalls with accumulation of less than 10 cm, the City uses internal equipment to handle the snow as part of regular maintenance plowing. When more snow is expected, the City calls out hired equipment to help manage the snowfall."



The City's [Snow and Ice Control policy](#) calls for roads and City sidewalks to be cleared within 48 hours after the end of a snowfall. Arterial roads, collector and bus routes are given priority due to the high volume of traffic they carry.

Following its popularity last season, the City will once again be using the [Major Roads Plowing Map](#). This map is activated when more than 10 cm of snow has accumulated on main city streets. This map shows the progress of snow plows on major routes through the city. Once activated, the map will be updated prior to both the morning and evening commutes and once overnight.

The City also has a neighbourhood blading schedule, where every neighbourhood is assigned a snow day, similar to a garbage collection day. When neighbourhood blading is not completed on the scheduled weekday, a neighborhood will be finished on the weekend so residents do not need to wait until the following week. Neighbourhood blading begins once residential roads have a snow pack of 5 cm or more.

For more information about other aspects of winter roadway maintenance including the neighbourhood blading schedule, seasonal parking bans and how to sign-up for email notifications, please visit edmonton.ca/winterroads or call 311.

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