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Mild weather by day, slippery sidewalks by night

City asks residents to apply sand and take care walking

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The days may be getting warmer, but we're still dropping below freezing at night. This freeze-thaw cycle causes slippery sidewalks and an increased risk of slip and fall injuries. The City of Edmonton reminds residents to check their sidewalks and driveways for ice regularly, but particularly in the morning. Ice should be removed as promptly and as thoroughly as possible and sand should be applied for traction.

The City is once again providing free, sidewalk sand from 150 community sandboxes around Edmonton. Residents will need to bring their own container when visiting their community sandbox. Although every attempt is made to keep sandboxes filled, crews fill them as time permits and activities such as plowing, blading and sanding roads take priority. Sand is also available for free at the five City Roadway Maintenance yards and it can be purchased at many local stores.

Pedestrians should be cautious on sidewalks; looking for ice, cracks and uneven surfaces while walking. Take small, slow steps and keep your head up and avoid leaning forward. For more tips for winter walking safety, watch Alberta Health Service's "[Do the Penguin Walk](#)."

Winter sidewalk maintenance in Edmonton is a team effort. City crews clear more than 1,300 km of the 5,400 km of sidewalks in Edmonton every winter. Edmontonians do their part by clearing snow and ice from their walks and driveways within 48 hours of snowfall and lending a hand to neighbours who need help maintaining their walks.

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