

Snow and Ice Control

During a snowfall, property owners in the City of Parksville are reminded that snow and ice should be cleared from sidewalks within 12 hours after it stops snowing. Residents should be aware that City crews will not clear snow from any sidewalk in the City. When clearing sidewalks, property owners should use a de-icer designed for concrete sidewalks; please do not use salt.

Traffic Bylaw No. 1436 stipulates that property owners should not use equipment which could damage boulevards or sidewalks and should not deposit the snow, ice or other material removed from sidewalks, boulevards or private property onto City property or highways.

While snow is falling, City crews work to clear snow and salt/sand roads on a priority basis:

- Emergency services - such as the Parksville Fire Hall, BC Ambulance station, RCMP detachment and surrounding routes
- Arterial streets - such as the Island Highway and Alberni Highway
- Collector street such as Pym, Hirst, Stanford and Corfield

Once these priorities completed, crews will begin to clear residential streets, working on through roads first and then cul de sacs. It will take up to 72 hours from the time it stops snowing to reach all of the roads. Should we experience continued snow during this time, City crews will return to the streets with the higher priority and residents should expect it to take crews longer to reach residential streets.

Here are a few suggestions during a snowfall:

- When shovelling snow from driveways, place the snow to the right of the driveway (as you face the street) since this helps limit the amount of snow plowed back into your driveway.
- If you have a drainage basin at the curb in front of your house, please remove snow from the top and immediate vicinity so that the melting snow will go into the drain and not into your driveway or house.
- Please remove parked vehicles from the streets until such time as plowing has been completed.
- Residents are encouraged to offer assistance to any neighbours who may require help with snow removal. Working together during a snowfall assists the community as a whole.

The cooperation of all property owners and residents is great appreciated. Please be patient, the City will make every effort to keep major streets and emergency routes cleared and open to traffic. We thank you in advance for your understanding, patience and co-operation.

Please refer to the website for more information <http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=356>