

Snow Management Strategies

For Private Property Owners

Winter is a beautiful season, but it comes with its share of challenges—especially when it comes to snow removal. To help keep your driveway clear while supporting public plowing efforts, here are some helpful tips:

1. **Pile Snow with Traffic Flow**

When clearing snow near a public road, always pile it in the same direction as traffic. This reduces the chances of snow being pushed back into your driveway by municipal plows.

2. **Create a Snow Pocket**

On the opposite side of your driveway, create a snow pocket. This will catch snow from provincial or municipal plows before it spills onto your driveway.



3. **Avoid Pushing Snow Across the Road**

Never push snow across the road—it can create hazards for other drivers and block drainage in ditches. For safety and operational reasons, the Municipality has enacted an Obstructions By-law prohibiting this. Property owners who push snow across roads may face fines.

4. **Keep Snow on Your Property**

Store snow on your property and as far away from the public road as possible. This will ensure you have enough space to store snow throughout the season.

5. **Avoid Street Parking**

Park off the streets to allow plows to clear roads completely. When plows can move faster and throw snow further from the road, snow removal becomes more effective. Also, keep items like garbage bins, mailboxes, and bus shelters well away from the road to help with plowing operations.

By being mindful of your snow removal practices, you not only make things easier for public snow removal crews but also help reduce the need for costly municipal maintenance. When snow can be spread more efficiently along roadsides, it increases storage capacity for the entire season. If excess snow accumulates, the operations team must remove and haul it to another location, which is both labor-intensive and expensive for taxpayers.

Thank you for your cooperation!