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SNOW REMOVAL IN THE TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Information bulletin: snowplowing and snow removal within Town limits.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House has 56 kms of paved roads not including graveled or dust-controlled areas; 25 kms of graveled/paved alleys and 17 kms of walking trails.

Our goal is to establish reasonable mobility and clear a network of roads as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The Roadway Winter Maintenance Policy outlines how staff approach the large task of clearing snow from Town streets and trails, and other important points such as:

- **Defining minor and major snowfalls** (less than/greater than 13 centimeters).
- **Timelines** on when priority streets should be plowed and/or cleared to bare pavement (48 to 72 hours).
- **Order of priority for streets to be cleared.** Downtown core and service roads are the first to be plowed, followed by collectors and arteries, school route, residential collectors, industrial areas and other residential areas and cul-de-sacs.
- **Signage in advance of snow removal operations** (ideally 12 to 24 hours' notice). Signs go up at the entrance to a subdivision/neighbourhood, but not necessarily at every cul-de-sac. Signing is not always possible, and depending on the amount of snow that has fallen crews may be moving quickly. It generally takes 10 days to complete snow removal for the whole town, if it doesn't snow again during that time.

Engineering & Operations crews will work on roadway winter maintenance between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.



Snowplowing and snow removal FAQ

❄️ When the grader enters your area it is best to move your vehicles off the street and if you can, stay off until the snow windrow is gone. When vehicles are parked on the street, especially on narrow streets, it is difficult for the snowblower and dump trucks to find adequate room to work.

❄️ Please do not park beside the windrow not allowing other vehicles to pass. Traffic Bylaw 12/02V establishes a \$75 fine for parking in a manner that obstructs traffic. Parking in a posted “No parking – street cleaning/snow clearing” area is also subject to a \$75 fine.

❄️ Every street within the town limits is plowed at least one time. Engineering & Operations documents progress through town, street-by-street. On some occasions when we get multiple snow falls, we have to start over with priority 1 areas. Snow removal is put on hold if we have water breaks or wastewater issues.

❄️ Alleys or back lanes are generally done on a complaint basis or as the Director sees fit.

❄️ Town-maintained sidewalks are cleared within 48 hours of a snowfall. This includes Main Street bulbs, sidewalks in front of town owned buildings, 22 parks and playgrounds and green spaces. We clear sidewalks after every snow fall, usually right away, then lay salt/sand.

❄️ Walking trails are usually plowed within 48 hours after accumulation of more than 2.5 centimetres.

FURTHER READING

The Roadway Winter Maintenance policy outlines how the Town of Rocky Mountain House tends to roads and trails during and after a snowfall.

The map of snowclearing zones shows the order of priority for our crews and equipment.

These documents are available at www.rockymtnhouse.com.

EQUIPMENT AT WORK

- 1 grader
- 1 loader with snow blower
- 3 dump trucks
- 1 skid steer
- 2 rear steer Kubotas with snow blades
- 1 v-plow truck

There is a \$75 fine for failing to observe no-parking signs in snow removal areas.

