



Snow Removal FAQs

During the winter season, the topic of snow removal is widely discussed in the City of Brooks. To help with confusion and concerns raised by residents, City Administration is happy provide a list of Frequently Asked Questions for your information.

1. Are City streets prioritized when it comes to snow removal?
The City focuses the removal of snow from arterial roads, i.e.: 2nd Street W and Cassils Road, and major collector roads within high traffic residential areas. Visit <http://www.brooks.ca/DocumentCenter/View/391/Snow-Plowing-Map-PDF?bidId=> to view the City's Snow Removal Maps.
2. Does the City remove snow from residential areas?
Yes, but City Staff only removes snow from high traffic, major collector roads that go through residential areas. If there are extraordinary circumstances, the decision to do more residential snow removal is left up to City Staff.
3. Does the City remove snow from laneways and alleys?
The City will only remove snow from alleys and laneways in the event that the condition prevents access for other services provided by the City (i.e.: garbage collection). City owned parking lots are cleared after the priority list has been completed.
4. Does the City remove snow from sidewalks?
Yes, City staff only removes snow from some sidewalks; these areas include sidewalks that are adjacent to City Facilities or City owned properties.
5. As a property owner, am I responsible for clearing the snow on the sidewalks that are adjacent to my property?
Yes, the City's Snow Removal Bylaw requires that all owners or occupants of any premise adjoining a sidewalk clear away any snow, ice or debris from the sidewalk(s) that is formed or deposited on the sidewalk within 24-hours from the forming or depositing. Not doing so could result in a \$75.00 penalty.
6. Who can I contact if I feel someone has failed to remove snow in a timely manner?
If a property owner has not removed snow from the sidewalks within 24-hours of the end of the last snowfall, you can contact Protective Services at (403)362-2331.
7. What are the restrictions against power cords on sidewalks?
The City's Electrical Cord Bylaw states that no person shall lay an electrical cord on any sidewalk and that electrical cords must be erected over the sidewalk at a height no less than 8 feet (2.5 meters). Not doing so could result in a \$50.00 penalty.
8. Where can I find out more information about the Snow Removal and/or Electrical Cord Bylaw?
City of Brooks Bylaws are posted on our website at www.brooks.ca under "Government" and "Bylaws". If you have a specific question, or if a Bylaw is not posted, please contact City Hall at 403-362-3333.