

WEATHER WINTER, TOGETHER.

YOUR GUIDE TO WINTER IN TORONTO



NEW THIS WINTER

- ❖ 311 is available anytime to help identify areas that need more attention.
- ❖ This winter, trucks will be hauling snow away sooner and more frequently, creating more space for future snowfalls.
- ❖ The City is aiming to lessen the impact of major snowfalls through a new city-wide emergency management approach, improved coordination and surge staffing.
- ❖ Keeping cars moving on snow routes is a priority, with more towing and higher parking fines (\$500) for blocking streetcars.
- ❖ To improve sidewalk conditions, new sidewalks plows are being tested along with increased mechanic support and coordinated timing with road plows during major snowstorms.



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PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER

Road conditions and weather forecasts are monitored 24/7.

Salt brine is applied to expressways, hills, bridges and other critical areas before snow falls to prevent ice buildup.

Salting melts ice and improves traction as snow begins to accumulate on the pavement.

Public sidewalks and cycling routes are cleared when more than 2 cm of snow accumulates.

Roads are plowed in a priority sequence to keep people safe and maintain access for emergency vehicles. Thresholds and city-wide completion times are:

- * 2.5 cm on expressways (DVP and Gardiner) – 2+ hours
- * 5 cm on major arterial roads – 6+ hours
- * 8 cm on less busy collector roads and residential streets – 14+ hours

On some streets, crews clear 3 m-wide driveway openings after plows go by.

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

* Avoid pushing snow onto the road or sidewalk.

Make sure to clear:

- Driveways, steps and ramps within 24 hours of the end of the storm
 - Public sidewalks when less than 2 cm of snow accumulates
 - Around fire hydrants near your property
- * During snowfalls, keep a safe distance from snow clearing crews, give yourself extra time to get around or postpone non-essential travel until conditions improve.
- * If you can, help clear snow for vulnerable neighbours and remember to take breaks when shovelling to avoid injury or strain.
- * Stock up on essentials like flashlights, non-perishable food, prescriptions and pet supplies and charge batteries before a storm.
- * Check your vehicle to ensure tires, windshield wipers and fluids are winter-ready and adjust your driving based on road and weather conditions.



SEASONAL SUPPORT

Visit toronto.ca/winter for information on:

Proper ways to set out bins in snowy areas

How to prevent frozen pipes

Ways to stay active to make the most of the season

Keeping yourself and pets healthy in cold weather

How to prepare for a winter emergency

Ways to reduce salt use and protect the environment

Support for vulnerable people, such as when warming centres open

Multilingual winter services information available at toronto.ca/winter

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