

SNOW IN THE VALLEY

Dealing with snow is a big part of living in Drayton Valley. By working together, the Town of Drayton Valley and our citizens help ensure safe conditions and mobility for everyone.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WINTER DRIVING IN DRAYTON VALLEY



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<https://www.draytonvalley.ca/snow-removal-and-seasonal-parking-ban/>



THE TOWN DOES IT'S PART

The Town's Snow Removal Policy establishes standards for the orderly and systematic provision for snow and ice control while providing an efficient, consistent, and cost effective method of delivering this service.

STREET SNOW REMOVAL



Snow plowing shall be undertaken in order of priority. Should additional snow accumulations warrant, crews may be redirected to higher priority routes until those routes are cleared; snow removal will resume where maintenance left off.

PRIORITY 1 (DAY): Major Collectors, access to schools & facilities, emergency routes

PRIORITY 1 (NIGHT): Downtown core, CETC, Omniplex

PRIORITY 2: minor collector routes, bus routes, residential collectors



SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

The Town shall maintain the safety and mobility of the walkways with effective and appropriate maintenance during winter conditions. Walkways also follow a priority schedule.

SANDING



Priority roadways that serve to distribute traffic throughout the community may have sanding completed out of sequence if an operational need exists and it is more prudent to traffic flow. School bus routes and high traffic areas will be sanded with multiple applications if necessary.

The Town endeavours to maintain the safety and mobility of the public through effective and appropriate maintenance of its transportation network during winter conditions.



SEASONAL SNOW ROUTES

Seasonal snow routes are important roadways that serve to distribute traffic throughout the community and are subject to seasonal parking bans. When cars are parked on the streets, our equipment can't clear the roads efficiently. If you leave your car on the road during a seasonal parking ban, you may return to find it towed, ticketed or buried in snow from passing plows.*



TICKETING AND/OR TOWING

When a seasonal parking ban has been issued, all parked vehicles need to be removed from the route; any vehicles left on the route will be subject to ticketing and/or towing. If a vehicle is towed, the owner is responsible for towing & storage fees.



DON'T PARK ON THE ROAD UNTIL THE BAN HAS BEEN LIFTED

Even if it looks like your street has been cleared! More equipment may be coming through to finish the job, or more snow may be in the forecast.



FIND ALTERNATE PARKING

If you typically park your vehicle on a seasonal snow route and are going out of town or leaving your car on the street for an extended period of time this winter, you should find alternate parking before you go.



BE PROACTIVE

The Province's Traffic Safety Act also bans vehicles from parking in one spot for over 72 hours. If snowfalls are anticipated, residents should try to be proactive and remove their vehicles from the seasonal snow route.

SEASONAL PARKING BANS WILL BE POSTED ON:



Town's website:
draytonvalley.ca



social
media

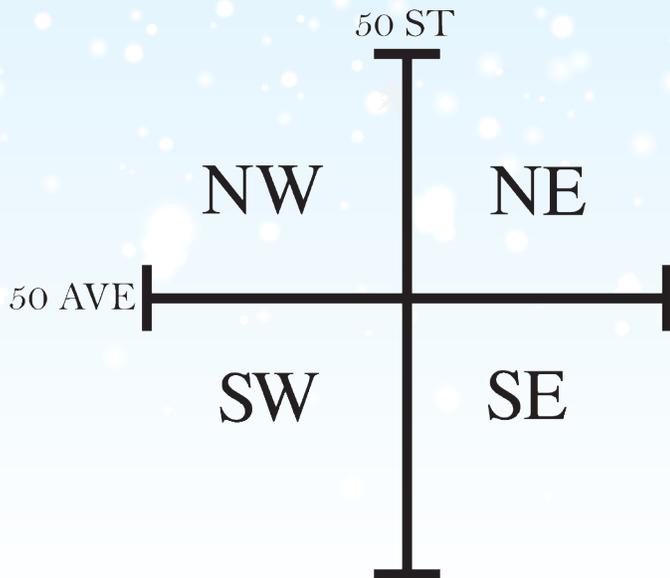
**The fine for parking on the seasonal snow route during a seasonal parking ban is \$100.00.*

Visit draytonvalley.ca/snow-removal-and-seasonal-parking-ban/ for further details on seasonal parking bans



KNOW YOUR QUADRANT

Residential snow removal operates on a schedule outlined in the Snow Removal Policy. Once the priority routes have been cleared the remaining areas of Town will be cleared on a rotating basis.



NORTH WEST QUADRANT

Those located north of 50th Avenue and west of 50th Street

NORTH EAST QUADRANT

Those located north of 50th Avenue and east of 50th Street

SOUTH WEST QUADRANT

Those located south of 50th Avenue and west of 50th Street

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Notifications will be posted on draytonvalley.ca and on Facebook when snow removal occurs in residential quadrants



WHAT YOU CAN DO

You can do your part to ensure safe conditions and mobility for everyone in our community.



Drive cautiously and give our equipment space



Move your vehicle during seasonal parking bans and neighbourhood blading



Clear your sidewalks within 48 hours after the end of a snowfall*



Apply sand or de-icing agent to your sidewalks to improve traction for pedestrians

CLEAR YOUR SIDEWALKS

Snowy and icy sidewalks pose real safety and mobility issues. That's why walks must be cleared within 48 hours after the end of a snowfall. Clear sidewalks make winter walking safer, especially for people with limited mobility who are more at risk of falling. Property owners abutting a sidewalk are responsible for clearing it as set out in the Town's Community Standards Bylaw.

As per Section 33.1 of the Town's Traffic Bylaw, snow should be shovelled onto the yard, not the street; violators are subject to a \$100 fine and removal expenses. Sidewalk and driveway snow pushed to the street creates more challenges for roadway snow removal crews and machinery.

It's a good idea to apply sand or de-icing agent to your sidewalks to improve traction.

* The fines for not maintaining your sidewalks are:
First Offence: \$100, Second Offence: \$200, Third Offence: \$400

BE A SNOW ANGEL

Lend a hand this year and assist a senior with keeping their walkways and driveways clear of ice and snow. Cleared walkways can make a world of difference in allowing safe accessibility in and out of a senior's home.

There are two ways you can help:

Take some extra time when shoveling your sidewalk or ploughing your own driveway and give your neighbour a hand OR Call 780-514-2206 and register as a volunteer with the Snow Angels program and be matched with a senior.

Volunteers may be individuals, families, teams or groups who enjoy working outside, want to make community connections, and prefer a flexible volunteer schedule.