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Barrie ready to take on winter with improved maintenance, efficiencies

(Barrie, ON) Although winter weather is often random and unpredictable, City snow removal efforts are not. The City is once again prepared and committed to providing a high level of snow removal service throughout the winter season.

As part of a trial project that began in early November, scheduling changes for snow plow drivers will improve service levels for residential routes. By adding a second shift, the City will benefit from efficiencies in reduced overtime costs and better response times to snow storms. The added shift also means when winter maintenance is not required, road maintenance (e.g. filling potholes) can be done overnight instead of during peak travel times.

Here are some winter maintenance reminders in the City of Barrie:

Plowing of City roads

The priority is the main roads—those with the most traffic in the city. These roads are serviced when at least five cm of snow has fallen. The secondary (residential) routes are plowed when there is at least eight cm of snow. The goal is to have most routes plowed 12–24 hours after the end of a snow event. With [Barrie's Plow Tracker](#), you can track the progress of the road plows and see when your street was last serviced. A reminder—plows can't avoid leaving snow at the bottom of driveways because they can't lift the blades in between driveways.

Sidewalk plowing

Sidewalk plowing is done on main sidewalks when five cm of snow falls and on residential sidewalks when there's eight cm of snow. If you see a sidewalk plow driving on the road, there's a good reason—they're travelling to their next destination for plowing because it's faster than travelling on the sidewalk.

Parking restrictions

A reminder that on-street parking is not permitted on City streets from 12:01–7 a.m. and 3–6am within the Downtown Business Improvement Area, from December 1 through March 31. This ensures that the streets can be completely cleared and that large emergency vehicles can get down the street.

Waste collection

[Shovel out a small area](#) at the bottom of your driveway for your garbage, recycling boxes and green bin, as far from the road as possible without blocking the sidewalk. Do not place them on top of the snow bank.

For more information and updates about winter maintenance, visit www.barrie.ca/Snow.

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