

# Winter Control Operations Quick Guide

**414**   
lane km of  
roads

**132**   
km of  
sidewalks

**41**   
signalized  
intersections

**12**   
parking lots

**5**   
bridges

**\$1.5M**   
budget (approx.)

## Where's my plow?

After the snow stops, roads are addressed in the following timeframes:

**Within  
6 hrs**

### Arterial Roads

Roads like Westmount Drive, University Avenue and Front Street (those with the greatest volume of traffic and higher speed limits) are the first to receive attention. Our goal is to maintain these roads to a centre-bare pavement surface condition.

**Within  
12 hrs**

### Collector Roads

Barrie Road, Fittons Road, and James Street are examples of roads that receive second priority clearing to a snow-packed condition.

**Within  
16-24  
hrs**

### Residential Streets

Residential streets are plowed after snow accumulates in excess of 8 cm. Our goal is to clear residential streets to a snow-packed surface condition within **24 hours** after the snow finishes falling.

When all streets require plowing, they are to be cleared within **6, 12, 16 or 24 hours** following the end of the snowfall event depending on road classification and snow accumulation. Heavy snowfalls or successive storms can sometimes extend this period longer than **24 hours**.

## Snow Angels



If you require assistance shovelling your property, Snow Angels is a program where neighbourhood-based volunteers are paired with seniors or residents with limited mobility who need snow removed from their pathways, stairs, sidewalks, and driveways. Visit Snow Angels Canada to register at [snowangelscanada.ca](http://snowangelscanada.ca).

**Watch for the  
new Orillia  
Snowplow Tracker  
coming soon!**



# Salting Operations: Ensuring Safer Roads in Winter

The City of Orillia uses a strategic approach to salting roads during winter to improve safety and reduce ice formation.

Here's how and when salt is applied:

Salt trucks may be dispatched before the start of snowfall or freezing rain and at the first sign that roads are becoming icy. Weather conditions, current and forecasted, are monitored closely and supplemented by daily patrols.

The City does not practice straight salting of every metre of road. Salt is applied to hills, approaching stop lights/signs, and corners.

Sand may be used on snow-packed roads at intersections, hills and curves, and when temperatures are extremely low (below -20 C).

Priority roads are salted first. Intersections, curves and hills receive additional salting as they are more prone to icy conditions. Residential and low-traffic streets receive less frequent salting.



## Stay Informed with Alertable Notifications



Residents and visitors can use Alertable to stay aware of road closures, beach postings, restrictions, hazards and more in Orillia. Alertable can be used on all platforms and is available to download for free from major app stores. Visit [alertable.ca](https://www.alertable.ca) to sign up or get access on the OrilliaNow web portal at [orillia.ca/now](https://www.orillia.ca/now).

## Sidewalk Plowing:

### Priority Sidewalks:

Sidewalks near schools, hospitals, and transit routes are cleared first to ensure pedestrian safety.

Plowing begins when snow accumulation is 8 cm (3 in), and these sidewalks are plowed to a snow-packed condition within 48 hours.

### Residential Sidewalks:

Sidewalks in residential areas are cleared as a secondary priority, typically within 48 hours after a snowfall ends, depending on storm severity and ongoing snow removal.

## How You Can Help:

### 1 Parking Restrictions

Overnight parking restrictions are in effect from **Nov. 15 to April 15 annually** as per By-law 2007-55. During the day, avoid parking on streets during snow events to allow plows to clear the roads more effectively.

### 2 Snow Placement

Do not push or blow snow from driveways or sidewalks into the road; this can create hazards for drivers.

### 3 Stay Informed

During significant weather events, keep an eye on weather alerts and follow instructions from local authorities. If you are able to stay home, do not venture out.



## Stay Updated on Winter Control Operations:

For more details on winter control operations, visit [orillia.ca/WinterControl](https://www.orillia.ca/WinterControl) or follow the City on social media.

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A friendly reminder to please keep our phone lines open during major storm events so we can support emergency services.