

# SNOW REMOVAL POLICY



As soon as winter sets in, the Mount Royal Public Works Division mobilizes to handle snow falls.

A team of 40 to 50 experienced employees are placed on standby to ensure Mount Royal's 97 km of streets and 179 km of sidewalks will be cleared as quickly as possible. Salt spreaders, sidewalk plows and roadway plows are used and private contractors enlisted to provide efficient snow removal, which is usually completed within 72 to 96 hours.

As soon as the first flakes appear, a specific plan is implemented.

## SPREADING DEICERS AND ABRASIVES

### *On streets*

At the onset of a snowfall, teams begin spreading operations on arterial roads and residential and industrial streets as well as in school zones.

**Temperature between 0 °C and -10 °C:** Salt spreading.

**Temperature between -10 °C and -15 °C:** Spreading of a 50-50 sand and salt mixture.

**Temperature of -15 °C or less:** Spreading of a 90-10 sand and salt mixture.

Spreading on arterial roads is carried out continuously. On residential streets, spreading is performed within 30 metres of all intersections.



# SPREADING DEICERS AND ABRASIVES

## *On sidewalks*

A sand and salt mixture (with high concentration of sand) is spread :

- 1) After snow removal operations, if needed.
- 2) During freezing rain conditions.

No spreading is done on sidewalks while snow is falling.

To perform this work, Mount Royal employees use Bombardier-type sidewalk plows with spreader trailers. Spreading on sidewalks is carried out continuously.

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# SNOW CLEARING

Snow clearing on streets and sidewalks involves plowing with roadway plows, graders and sidewalk plows to clear the way for pedestrians and vehicles. The method used depends on the amount of snow on the ground:

**Snow accumulation between 2 and 5 cm:** Sidewalk clearing only.

**Snow accumulation of more than 5 cm:** Street and sidewalk clearing.

*Sidewalk clearing is carried out as follows:*

**Snow accumulation of less than 15 cm:** Arterial roads: both sides.  
Residential streets: both sides.

**Snow accumulation of more than 15 cm:** Arterial roads: both sides.  
Residential streets: one side\*.

School zones are one of our snow clearing priorities.

\* The sidewalk on the other side is cleared during snow blowing and loading operations.

# SNOW BLOWING AND LOADING

When snow clearing operations are completed, snow blowing begins with snowblowers, side-walk plows, graders and trucks.

*The work is done in two ways:*

1) Where possible, snow is blown onto properties.

Used in approximately 70% of the Town, this method enables us to reduce snow transportation and disposal costs and to maintain a reasonable snow removal budget.

2) Where the previous method is not possible, snow is blown into trucks and dumped at one of the Town's snow dump sites.

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## BY-LAWS

Please remember that under Mount Royal By-law No. 1380 (Sections 50 and 51), shovelling, plowing or blowing snow onto streets and sidewalks is illegal. If you hire a snow clearing contractor, you are responsible for informing him or her of this regulation. In addition, the contractor must obtain a permit from the Town and place a post on which his name and telephone number are clearly visible in all locations where he operates. And don't forget that dumping snow on a fire hydrant is also prohibited.

Furthermore, under By-law No. 1358, it is strictly prohibited to put bins and other containers intended for household waste collection on sidewalks and streets.

Blocked streets and sidewalks are a hazard for drivers and pedestrians alike. Safety is everybody's business! Help us keep the Town's streets and sidewalks free of snow.

*Avoid fines and keep your  
neighbourhood safe!*