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SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

Public Works Department



The Operations Department for the Town of Slave Lake is dedicated to serving our residents, business owners, and visitors.



A large yellow diamond-shaped sign with the words "SLOW", "PROCEED WITH", and "CAUTION" stacked vertically is overlaid on a photograph of a snow removal operation. In the background, a large snowbank is visible on the right side of a street. The year "2025" is overlaid in large, semi-transparent white numbers across the top of the image.

Always be cautious and courteous when approaching snow removal equipment. Take another route, or follow from a safe distance, and slow down to give operators space to reverse and clear the town's roadways safely. Only pass equipment when it is safe to do so, when the equipment is at a standstill.

When you notice heavy equipment approaching your street, support our work crews by moving vehicles and other obstructions.

Snow clearing productivity is affected by:

- ➡ The severity of snow levels.
- ➡ Temperature fluctuations.
- ➡ Homeowners depositing their snow on the street and/or obstructing ditch drainage.
- ➡ Garbage collection schedule.
- ➡ On-going Traffic.
- ➡ Vehicles parked on the street.

Sidewalks & Trail Systems:
Community Services at 780-849-8028

Homeowners Clearing Driveways & Sidewalks:

If town equipment stores snow along your property you are not responsible for removing the snow from your sidewalk (see Odd/Even Year Map.) Properties adjacent from the snow storage properties will have 24 hours to clear their sidewalks from public walking access on at least one side of the street.



Shoveling snow onto the street:

In compliance to the Snow Removal Bylaw #32-2017 that states: **No person shall deposit snow, ice, dirt, debris, or other obstructions upon any public sidewalk or roadway.**

This contributes to unsafe driving and walking conditions, increases winter road maintenance and can lead to blocked storm drains in the spring.



Residential Snow Storage:

Snow clearing in residential areas starts after higher priority areas have been completed, and will result in snow being stored on sidewalks, lawns, and grassed boulevards.

Odd/Even Year:

Home owners with **even** house numbers will have snow storage accumulation along their side of the street during **even years**. Vice versa for **odd** number houses, and **odd years**.

NOTE: Snow storage years are based by the year of commencement and does not switch over on January 1st.

Windrows:

It is the homeowners responsibility to remove windrows from the end of their driveways. However there are no bylaws pertaining to windrows so homeowners won't be fined if they choose to leave the windrow in front of their property.

If snow storage is on your side of the street lawn sweeping will take place in the spring when all the snow has melted.

Vehicles parked on the street:

If vehicles are parked on the street during snow plowing operations there's a high chance the vehicle will be blocked in. Public Works will not return to clean around these vehicles until the next rotation. This is to allow for better time management in order to allow our crews to get each priority route completed.

Fire Hydrants:

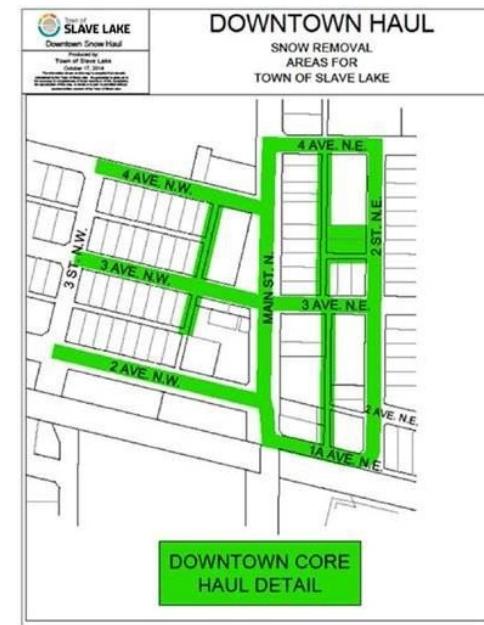
If there is a fire hydrant in front of your home or property, it is your responsibility to maintain the hydrant so that it's accessible to the Fire Department at all times. If the fire hydrant is on Town Owned property it is the Town's responsibility to clear of any snow or obstructions around it.

Cul-de-sacs:

When the scheduled Downtown Core is complete the snow piles that are stored in cul-de-sacs will be removed. It can take a couple of days to clear every cul-de-sac in town.

Downtown Core:

Cleared within 72 hours of each significant snowfall. Contracted trucking services haul snow piles to the Town's designated Snow Storage dump-site.



Winter Salt & Sand:

Sanding Operations occur during the winter months, 7-days a week, as needed.

All of the following information can be found on our TOSL webpage:
[Engineering & Mapping](#)
[Operations Master Schedule](#)
[Cemeteries](#)
[Garbage/Recycling Schedule](#)
[Regional Landfill](#)
[Slave Lake Recycling](#)