

What you need to know about snow

I recently met with Senior Operations staff to discuss the concerns we've been hearing over the last few winters – especially in the Cornell area. Last winter we did receive more snow than usual, which contributed to a few of the issues. We also experienced back to back snow falls with 35 cm – 50 cm, which is not common and difficult to manage. These conditions are amplified when applied to our many lane-based neighbourhoods. Laneways pose unique challenges related to snow clearing operations:

- there is little space for snow to be stored in laneways and it must be hauled away – a fairly time-consuming operation
- laneway snow clearing utilizes different equipment and crews than roads – front loaders are used as opposed to snow plows
- laneways are generally the last priority areas for clearing

When does snow get cleared?

With well over 3,000 km of roads and sidewalks to maintain in Markham, it's clear our plows can't be everywhere at once. Our top priority is road safety and access for emergency vehicles, with the higher travelled roads being cleared first.

Winter parking restrictions are in effect November 15th to April 15th



There is **NO** parking permitted on any street during snow clearing. Please expect up to 24 hours of no parking, and please contact the City to ensure your street will not have further clearing before you park on the street. Permit holders in Cornell have designated areas for **overnight parking** to avoid ticketing, during the day your permit **does not** allow you to park on the street unless the clearing is completed. When in doubt check it out with us or the Contact Centre.

Winter Maintenance App

During snow storms Markham's Winter Maintenance App will show the progress of road and sidewalk plows in Markham. Residents can watch as snow clearing efforts start with primary roads and then move to secondary roads, local roads, and sidewalks to help keep Markham moving.

Get the App and read more about Winter Maintenance at ward5markham.ca

Road Type	When does the City start salting?	When does the City plow?	How much snow is that?	How many hours after the snow stops falling does it take to clear an average storm?
Use Markham's Winter Maintenance App on markham.ca/winter to find out what type of road you live on.	Salt is only effective for temperature -12°C and above.			
Primary	When snowfall begins	3cm	Paper clip	2 hours
Secondary	When snowfall begins	5cm	House key	3 to 12 hours
Local	When road condition is deemed slippery	7.5cm at the end of snowfall	Bank card	12 to 16 hours

Laneways are cleared last, with front loaders, which takes more time than plows as the buckets must be emptied regularly.

Keep Ward 5 Beautiful!

While walking your pet off your property, be considerate to your neighbours and to those using our parks, pathways, trails and streets. Our parks are for residents to enjoy and for children to run and play, so please pick up after your pet.

Note: Pet waste should be taken home and disposed of in your green bin. It does not belong in public parks.



Some Ward 5 Community Events

