

# GUIDELINES

## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING A

# STORM

When a winter storm blows into town, we get to work clearing the roads to ensure commuter safety. This chart shows a timeline of the snow-clearing process.



### Before the Storm



**Weather Monitoring**  
Staff monitor weather forecasts and road conditions 24/7.

Sand/Salt may be applied to main roads before the storm and anti-icing liquid up to 3 days in advance of a forecast predicting conditions of freezing precipitation.

### Duration to complete

Pre-treatment of main roads: Up to 4 hours  
Anti-icing route: Up to 16 hours

### 0-5 cm Accumulation



**Sanding / Salting**  
Roads are treated with sand/salt in priority order:

1. Main arterial roads (Baseline, Trulls, Nash, Longworth, Holt, Concession Roads, etc.)
2. Secondary collector roads
3. Residential roads

Sanding / Salting can take up to 16 hours to complete.

### 0-5+ cm Accumulation



### Sidewalks and Parking Lots

Sidewalks/Parking lots are treated with sand/salt when surfaces become icy/snow covered.

Sidewalks/Parking lots are plowed when snow depths reach 5 cm.

Sidewalks fronting or adjacent to homes, industrial or commercial locations are the responsibility of property owners to clear.

Snow should be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall.

### 5+ cm Accumulation



### Road Plowing

Roads are plowed in priority sequence:

1. Main roads
2. Secondary roads
3. Residential roads

Main and/or Secondary roads will receive more frequent plowing service due to Ontario Minimum Maintenance Standards.

Each full road plowing operation, that includes all residential/local roads, may take up to 24 hours to complete.

### 5+ cm Accumulation



### Senior Snow Clearing Program

Sidewalks are treated with sand/salt and/or cleared when surfaces become icy or snow covered.

Driveway windrows are cleared **after** roadway plowing is complete.

Services provided within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall or when roadway plowing operations are complete.

### After the Storm



### Snow Storage

Excess snow is removed from priority locations where the depth of the snow exceeds 60+ cm including:

1. Downtown business areas
2. Main intersections
3. Identified roads with limited snow

Snow Removal operations are scheduled as weather, time and resources permit.



**Note:** The Region of Durham is responsible for plowing/salting Regional Roads including Durham Road 57, Durham Road 18, Durham Road 42, Taunton Road and sections of Durham Highway 2.