

Snow Removal Policy

Purpose of Policy:

To provide direction to the Town of Willow Bunch employees and residents ensuring efficient and consistent snow removal is completed, allowing all parties to function safely under winter conditions.

The Town of Willow Bunch strives to clear roads as quickly as possible after significant snowfall or winds which can cause snowdrifts to accumulate. The primary goal is to maintain Town streets and sidewalks such that they remain safely passable. This does not mean that every hazard can be eliminated; vehicles must be properly equipped for winter driving and drivers must use good winter driving practices and pedestrians must ensure they are prepared with proper winter footwear. Due to the limited resources available, a Council approved contractor, such as the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42, may be contacted to assist with clearing the Town right of ways.

Snow removal required outside of regular working hours will be at the discretion of the Foreman with guidance from Council.

Snow removal/clearing shall be undertaken in the following order of priority:

1. Bus Routes including entrances and exits for the town not under the jurisdiction of Saskatchewan Department of Highways
2. Main Arterial roads – 3rd Street East and Edouard Beupre St. - both from Highway 36 S to east edges of town
3. Access to Municipal Buildings
4. Remaining Residential Streets
5. Back alley to Canada Post and remaining back alleys as needed

Snow and Ice Ruts

1. Snow and ice ruts will be evaluated on impassibility and action will be taken when the snow and ice soften, at the discretion of the Town foreman.

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Sidewalk Snow Clearing

1. Businesses: It is the business owner's responsibility to keep all sidewalks clear of snow and ice. All businesses should endeavor to keep sidewalks open and clear of snow and ice during business hours.
2. Residences: It is the owner's responsibility to maintain the sidewalks and driveways adjacent to their property in a snow and ice-clear state. The snow and ice is not to be deposited onto roadways.

Sanding

1. Sanding will be done when there are icy conditions and will be completed at the discretion of the Foreman.

Areas of priority include:

- Intersections
- Roadways in front of high traffic areas ie: Post Office
- Any other area where road conditions make driving unsafe or there is a high degree of pedestrian and vehicle interaction

Regulations

1. No person shall push, blade, shovel, blow or place snow that has accumulated on private property onto any sidewalk, street or public place.
2. The owner or occupier of property shall ensure that when clearing or removing snow or ice or other loose debris, that he or she shall refrain from causing injury or unduly interfering with any person lawfully using the sidewalk, street or public places and shall refrain from causing damage to the sidewalks, streets or public places.
3. The owner or occupier of property shall ensure that snow disposal be undertaken in such a manner that it does not create a hazard or interfere with the use of streets, sidewalks or public places.
4. Contravention of this bylaw may result in the Town, by written order, requiring the owner or occupant to remove the snow or ice or other accumulation from the street, sidewalk or public place. Failing to do so may result in the Town taking whatever actions or measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of the policy, including removal of the accumulation and adding to the tax roll any unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the Town for removing the accumulation.



Information

As the Town crew removes the snow, they require room for their equipment to move around. If the crew is working in an area, please take an alternate route and avoid driving past the working equipment. This can be dangerous for the public and the equipment operator.

When demands exceed resources and the use of contracted assistance (ie: from the RM of Willow Bunch No. 42) delays may occur should the RM be required to concentrate on their right of way duties first. All efforts will be made to clear the snow quickly and expediently.

Approved by Town Council this 5th
day of February, 2025 by
resolution # 28/2025.

