

Winter maintenance and snow removal

Winter weather is here and Georgina is ready. The Town provides residents with a high level of snow-removal services. Whether it's reducing snow and ice on roads or clearing it from paths and sidewalks, the Town is diligent in ensuring residents and visitors can travel safely.

Winter Maintenance Event

As a result of a major winter storm, the Town may declare a Winter Maintenance Event which requires all parked vehicles to be removed from Town roads until the event is over. Residents are asked to follow our channels – social media, Town Page, electronic signs and georgina.ca/snow – to stay up-to-date throughout the winter.

Significant Weather Event

A municipality may declare a Significant Weather Event when a weather hazard, either forecast or occurring, has the potential to pose a significant danger to users of the roadways in which they have authority. This declaration extends the maximum timelines for municipalities to meet their winter maintenance service levels.



Windrow snow clearing program

The Town has introduced a windrow snow clearing program to provide driveway windrow clearing to residents who are aged 65 or older, or who require additional assistance. A windrow is the pile of snow at the end of the driveway created by the plows when they clear the road. The application process is now closed. Visit georgina.ca/snow to learn more.

Who is eligible?

- All occupants of a household must be over 65 years of age, or,
- Under 65 years of age and all occupants of the address over the age of 12 are physically unable to remove snow.



Operations tracker

Beginning Dec. 1, the Town is launching its operations tracker allowing residents to see where the snowplows are during snow clearing operations. The data is updated every five minutes. The plow locations are intentionally delayed by 15 minutes for the safety of operators. Residents have been invited to submit snowplow names to appear in the tracker and we have received a great response. Some favourites include Gordie Plow, the Big Leplowski, and Fast and Flurryous. Check out the tracker online to see which names were chosen for the snowplows.

Priority routes

Priority snow clearing routes including major thoroughfares, bus and transit routes, and access to fire stations, are always maintained first and may receive multiple treatments during a snow event. Once these priority roads have been cleared, secondary roads will follow.

Be nice. Don't throw snow or ice on the road when clearing your driveway or sidewalk

– It is against the law, contributes to unsafe driving and walking conditions, and increases the cost of providing winter road maintenance.

No parking!

Parked cars make plowing difficult and sometimes impossible. To help the Town keep roads clear for traffic, parking is not permitted on most streets from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m., Nov. 15 through April 15, unless otherwise posted.

Materials - What we're using on your roads

The Town uses both sand and treated salt for snow and ice control throughout Georgina during the winter months. Winter sand is a mixture of nine parts sand to one part Thawrox® treated salt. Thawrox® is Highway Course Rock Salt treated with additives to lower the usable temperature on a municipal highway. By lowering the usable temperature, the material can be utilized on a wider range of winter events throughout the winter period. The location, traffic volume, road classification and roadside environment all factor into what material is used on a route.