



Public Service Announcement

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NOTICES ISSUED FOR UNSHOVELED SIDEWALKS IN PORT COQUITLAM

With the recent snowfall, the City of Port Coquitlam has begun issuing notices to businesses that aren't shoveling their sidewalks.

To keep the sidewalks safe for pedestrians, City bylaws require all residential and business occupants in Port Coquitlam to clear the snow and ice from the public sidewalks next to their property as soon as possible after a snowfall, or by 10 a.m.

So far, notices have been issued to business properties in the downtown area and along Broadway Street. The notices indicate that failure to comply with the bylaw could result in a \$75 fine.

The City proactively enforces the bylaw in high traffic areas such as the downtown, and generally relies on public reports for enforcement in other areas.

Those who physically cannot shovel snow and meet certain criteria (including being over age 65 or having a disability), may sign up for the City's Snow Angels volunteer snow-clearing program through snowangels@portcoquitlam.ca or 604.927.5204 (details at www.portcoquitlam.ca/snowangels). Volunteer Snow Angels are also being sought.

However, Snow Angels is not a guaranteed service, so residents are asked to chip in and shovel sidewalks for neighbours who have physical limitations.

Other snow-smart tips:

- Drive only when necessary, and only in a vehicle with good winter tires.
- Keep children safe: don't let them play in snow piles or roadside snowbanks.
- Avoid parking on the street, as parked vehicles hamper snowploughs.
- When shoveling snow, pile it on your property – not on the sidewalk or street.
- Clear snow and ice away from catchbasins to allow the melted snow to reach the storm sewer. When catchbasins are blocked, street flooding can occur, turning the street into an ice rink when the temperature drops.
- Clear snow and ice away from fire hydrants.
- Check on neighbours and family members who may need assistance.

The City's snow and ice removal crews often work around the clock to keep the roads safe during poor weather. Top snow-removal priorities are arterial roads and main routes, along with steep

hills and school zones. Next on the list are non-arterial bus routes and collector roads, followed by residential streets leading to subdivisions and industrial side streets.

If roads are hazardous due to snow and ice, the City may temporarily cancel waste collection. If this occurs, bulletins will be posted at www.portcoquitlam.ca/snow and aired on CKNW (980 AM). Crews will begin collecting waste in missed zones after completing the regularly scheduled zone the next day. It may take several days to complete collection for missed zones.

More snow-removal information and winter safety tips are posted at www.portcoquitlam.ca/snow.

For information about the snow removal bylaw (Highway Bylaw Nov. 2011), call Bylaw Services at 604-927-5440.

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