

Keep roads clear during snowstorms: Town of Milton

Milton motorists are being urged to 'be in the know' about snow and keep roads clear of cars during snowstorms.

Town bylaw enforcement staff issued 177 tickets for impeding snow-clearing operations from Oct. 1 to Jan. 22.

Parked cars slow down plow operators as they need to navigate around the vehicles and oftentimes need to back up and leave the street completely when there is insufficient space to pass a parked car.

When operations crews ramp up plowing operations, the town suspends street parking exemptions to help clear roads more efficiently.

The town encourages residents to park in their garages and driveways, in parking lots of nearby plazas/businesses (ask first!) or in the town's overnight parking lot at 222 Mary St.

"The biggest challenge presented during recent snowstorms was the large numbers of cars parked on

the road, which impeded road and sidewalk-clearing operations," said Paul Cripps, commissioner, engineering services. "During a recent storm, there were 60 streets that could not be plowed by operators due to parked cars, which prevented us from helping motorists and pedestrians travel to where they needed to be."

Another challenge for plow operators is the boulevard (town property between the home's property and the road). The town is asking residents to keep the boulevards clear of basketball nets, lawn ornaments, stonework and other features that can interfere with the plow as it passes along the street.

Once two centimetres of snow has accumulated, operators plow roads, starting with higher priority/traffic regional and town roads, followed by arterial and then collector roads. These roads are cleared to bare, centre bare or snow-packed, according to their

classification, within two to 12 hours after the end of the storm, depending on how much snow has accumulated. Residential roads are plowed after priority areas and once 10 centimetres of snow has accumulated, with the plowing starting as soon as the storm has ended. Residential roads are plowed to a "snow packed" standard and not "bare pavement" as these roads are a different classification than priority roads.

With snow accumulations of five centimetres or more, the town plows sidewalks and pathways associated with schools, transit routes and major pedestrian travel. Residents' and business owners are responsible for clearing snow on sidewalks that are not designated on the town's sidewalk plow routes. Residents are reminded that snow should not be shovelled or blown onto sidewalks, roads or town property.

Residents are asked to

wait until 24 hours after a storm has ended before reporting a snow-related issue by contacting engineering services at (905) 878-7252 ext. 2500, engineering@milton.ca or using the myMILTON mobile app (www.milton.ca/mymilton).

More information about snow control, including snow plow routes and response times for roads and sidewalks, visit www.milton.ca/snow.



Metroland file photo

Miltonians are urged to keep roads clear of parked cars during snowstorms.



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