

# Snow Removal Services



The Township of King maintains an area of over 330 km of roads (270 km paved and 60 km gravel) with a network of both urban and rural roadways, sidewalks and ditches.

The following are **NOT part** of the Township's snow removal services:

- **Unpaved** park walkways and paths
- Unassumed **subdivision streets** and sidewalks
- **Private walks**, driveways and roads
- Townhouse **complexes and plazas**
- **Canada Post** community mailbox locations
- **Windrows** (the ridges of snow left behind after a plow passes)



## Plowing by Priority

Plowing occurs in priority sequence—**major roads first**, followed by neighbourhood roads and cul-de-sacs last—to ensure that fire and emergency services are able to drive on the roads and respond to calls.

Road servicing is typically completed within a **12-hour period after the snowfall is complete**. It can take longer during a Significant Weather Event, when a weather hazard (e.g., freezing rain, significant snowfall, strong winds, blowing snow, and reduced visibility) has the potential to pose a significant danger to roadway users.

Although crews are very conscious in following route schedules, sometimes streets may be missed. **Contact the Township by phone or email to report an oversight.**



## Parking Restrictions in Effect

### November 1 to April 15

To allow for winter road maintenance, the following **is prohibited under the Township of King's By-Law Number 96-70**:

- ⊗ Parking on the road between the hours of **2 a.m. and 6 a.m.**
- ⊗ Parking your vehicle on the roadway during a snowplowing, sanding or salting event.
- ⊗ Piling snow onto your driveway apron (this can block sightlines).
- ⊗ Plowing, blowing or depositing snow back onto the roadway. Such action is an offence under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, Section 181.





## Responsibilities of Property Owners

- ✓ Reducing the amount of snow left in your windrow by shoveling snow from your driveway apron onto the boulevard prior to plowing. Use a proper shovel or “scoop” shovel.
- ✓ Clearing catch basins and culverts of litter, leaves and other debris to prevent flooding.
- ✓ Clearing snow and ice around fire hydrants located on your property.
- ✓ Removing hockey and basketball nets and other decorative landscaping that may interfere with or be hazardous to plows.
- ✓ Setting waste bins a minimum of 1-metre from the curb and not on a snowbank.
- ✓ Depositing snow when clearing your driveway to the “downstream” side such that the plow carries it away from your driveway.
- ✓ Ensuring sod from your property is not overgrown onto the sidewalk.



## Enhanced winter maintenance level of service

**King Township** is introducing a new approach to sand and salt application for enhanced efficiency and **environmental sustainability** this winter maintenance season.

In urban subdivisions, crews will now use **Thawrox**, treated salt specifically designed for improved snow and ice control, rather than the traditional sand/salt mix. On rural roads, the salt concentration will reduce the negative **environmental impact** while maintaining safe driving conditions. Thawrox, which includes natural, **eco-friendly additives**, significantly reduces chlorides entering the environment and uses a non-staining colorant that poses no risk to roads, waterways or vegetation.

This optimized use of materials will help ensure **safer roads and sidewalks** while minimizing the environmental impact, demonstrating King Township’s commitment to high-quality service and environmental stewardship.



## Pedestrian safety tips

In addition to driving precautions, pedestrians are encouraged to take **extra care when walking** in winter conditions. **Here are some tips for safe winter walking:**

- **Wear appropriate footwear:** Choose boots with non-slip soles for better traction on icy or snow-covered sidewalks.
- **Watch for ice:** Black ice can be hard to see, so walk carefully and assume that any wet-looking pavement could be icy.
- **Use handrails and walking aids:** If available, use handrails along walkways and consider carrying a walking stick for added balance.
- **Walk like a penguin:** Take short steps and keep your feet flat on the ground to help maintain balance.
- **Stay visible:** Wear bright or reflective clothing to ensure you are seen by drivers, especially during early morning or evening hours when it gets dark early.
- **Avoid distractions:** Stay alert by keeping your head up and avoiding the use of phones or earbuds while walking.
- **Plan your route:** Choose routes that are well-lit and frequently used, staying on sidewalks where provided.
- **Check the forecast and time your walk:** Before heading out, check the weather forecast to be prepared for any sudden changes or severe conditions.

