



MEDIA RELEASE

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Barrie is ready for upcoming winter weather as overnight on-street parking restrictions take effect on Tuesday

(Barrie, ON) Although winter weather is often random and unpredictable, City snow removal efforts are not. The City is once again prepared and committed to providing a high level of snow removal service throughout the winter season.

Environment Canada has issued a special weather statement for much of southern Ontario, including Barrie, due to a potential winter storm. The latest forecast is showing the possibility of snowfall amounts of up to 30 cm from Monday evening through to Wednesday morning. The City has winter maintenance crews on standby to address road conditions accordingly. Staff monitor the weather closely and plows, salters and sanders are dispatched as needed.

If required, the City of Barrie will post City service information related to the storm on Twitter ([@cityofbarrie](https://twitter.com/cityofbarrie)), Facebook (facebook.com/cityofbarrie) and barrie.ca/EmergencyManagement. Service requests should be sent to Service Barrie by calling 705-726-4242 Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm (if the concern needs to be addressed after-hours, press zero for assistance), by emailing ServiceBarrie@barrie.ca, or by using the [Pingstreet mobile app](#).

Parking restrictions

A reminder that on-street parking is not permitted on City streets from 12:01–7 a.m. and 3–6am within the Downtown Business Improvement Area, from December 1 through to March 31. This ensures that the streets can be completely cleared and that emergency vehicles can get down the street.

Plowing of City roads

The priority is the main roads—those with the most traffic in the city. These roads are serviced when at least five cm of snow has fallen. The secondary (residential) routes are plowed when there is at least eight cm of snow. The goal is to have most routes plowed 12–24 hours after the end of a snow event. With [Barrie's Plow Tracker](#), you can track the progress of the road plows and see when your street was last serviced. Remember, plows can't avoid leaving snow at the bottom of driveways because they can't lift the blades in between driveways. If you need help with snow removal, Snow Angels Canada is an online platform where residents who require assistance with snow shoveling can post a request for service and volunteers can reach out to help. Visit snowangelscanada.ca to sign up for help or to be a volunteer in your neighbourhood.

Sidewalk plowing

Sidewalk plowing is done on main sidewalks when five cm of snow falls and on residential sidewalks when there's eight cm of snow.

Waste collection

Shovel out a small area at the bottom of your driveway for your garbage, recycling boxes and your green bin, as far from the road as possible without blocking the sidewalk. Do not place them on top of or behind the snowbank.

For more information and updates about winter maintenance, visit barrie.ca/Snow.

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