

PLOWING THROUGH SNOW REMOVAL

While the weather may catch some people by surprise, it is closely monitored through the efforts of members of the Campus Services Department and Grounds & Vehicles Section of Facilities Services.

WHEN DOES PLOWING START?

The industry standard for mobilizing plows and other snow-removal equipment is an accumulation of five centimeters. York University initiates its response at four centimeters, and at five centimeters external contractors and York University Facilities Services Staff are well on their way to assist with heavy snow removal. Contractors plow the large perimeter lots while York University Staff plow roads, walks and small lots as well as sanding/salting the entire campus.

GROUNDS & VEHICLES PLOWING PLAN

York's fleet of snow-removal vehicles operates on a 24-hour basis under snowfall and inclement weather situations. Plowing priority is determined by community feedback and usage. Most parking lots cannot be cleared due to parked vehicles during daytime accumulation, Grounds & Vehicles continues to clear other areas.

Both Facilities Services and Campus Services are committed to providing timely and effective services under all weather conditions.

WATCH YOUR STEP

Accidents due to ice, snow, and general winter conditions are preventable.

The following guidelines will assist you through the winter season safely:

- ◆ While traveling to and from work/school, wear appropriate winter footwear (flat, rubber, slip-resistant soles).
- ◆ Where possible, walk on plowed, sanded, well-lit paths and walkways. Avoid taking short cuts over snow banks.
- ◆ Be extra careful when getting out of your vehicle in parking lots as it is difficult to sand between parked cars, and there may be slippery patches.
- ◆ Always use handrails on steps, and walk carefully.
- ◆ Cross roadways at pedestrian crosswalks. Activate the light signals to warn motorists you intend to cross.

Snow Removal Action: 416-650-COLD
Reporting Slips & Falls: 416-650-COLD
YORKU Emergency Info Line: 416-736-5600
Booster Services: 416-736-5333
Escort Service: 416-736-5454
Glendon Escort Service: 416-487-6799



THE FACTS ON SNOW REMOVAL

- ◆ yorku.ca/facilities
- ◆ Valerio Larivera
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YORK'S WEATHER

In the interest of the safety of University community members, the University may suspend normal operating procedures at its campuses in response to a weather emergency. A decision to declare a weather emergency is taken when it is determined that weather conditions may prevent safe travel to and from York, or when the weather may have substantial adverse effects on normal University operations.

SOURCES FOR WEATHER STATUS UPDATES

York University Emergency Info Line
416-736-5600

Campus Services Weather

<http://webapps.yorku.ca/weather/weather.htm>

EMERGENCY GUIDELINES

During weather emergency procedures, the University will remain open and, when and where possible, provide essential services. A weather watch will be maintained and conditions will be monitored until a decision is made to return to normal operation. Unless a decision is made to continue weather emergency, the University will return to normal operations at 11pm the evening of the emergency. *The decision to cancel special events is within the discretion of those responsible for organizing the events.*

A GOOD SCOUT

IS ALWAYS PREPARED

Check your vehicle for the following:

- ◆ Battery condition and terminals
- ◆ Windshield wipers and washer fluid levels
- ◆ Coolant system levels
- ◆ Lights and signals
- ◆ Tire wear and pressure
- ◆ Keep your gas tank at least half full
- ◆ Start your car at least one minute before you drive it
- ◆ Drive slowly while engine components warm up
- ◆ Prior to your departure completely clear your vehicle of ice and snow

York provides a **BOOSTER SERVICE** to aid the community members in need of assistance.



Call Security Services at 416-736-5333

Sept. 1st - Dec. 1st 6am - 11pm

Dec. 1st - Apr. 1st 24 hours

1st - Sept. 1st 6am - 3pm

NO SERVICE AVAILABLE 2pm - 3:30pm

A nominal charge of \$5.00 applies.

SNOW ROUTES

From November to March inclusive, community members must comply with the snow-route policy allowing for access of emergency vehicles to appropriate areas.

Designated Snow Routes

- ◆ Passy Crescent
- ◆ Ottawa Road
- ◆ Atkinson Road



Vehicles parked in snow routes between 10:30pm and 6am will be ticketed and/or relocated. Decal holders parked in snow routes will be relocated to areas where their decal permits allow. Vehicles that do not have decals will be relocated to either 8A or 8B parking lots.

HELP US HELP OUR COMMUNITY

CLEAR

ALL SNOW ROUTES