

## 228 km of roads and 449 km of sidewalks

A good dose of cooperation between snow removal teams and citizens is essential to the successful carrying out of snow removal operations across the territory.

Here are the main points to remember:

### The role played by snow removal teams



#### Less than 2,5 cm of snow Sprinkling

Snow removal teams sprinkle abrasive materials and melters in the streets and on the sidewalks.



#### More than 2,5 cm of snow Clearing

Workers clear the streets and sidewalks by shoving the snow curbside to ease pedestrian and automobile circulation. Clearing operations continue throughout, as well as several hours following, a snowfall. Clearing operations are usually accomplished simultaneously with sprinkling operations.



#### More than 15 cm of snow Removal

When there are more than 15 cm of snow on the ground, the Borough usually decrees a snow removal operation. Streets and sidewalks must first be cleared before such an operation is undertaken. Parking prohibition signs must also first be installed to inform citizens they must move their vehicles. Once these tasks are completed, blowers begin loading dump trucks with snow. These trucks then carry the snow to dumping sites. On average, the Borough fills 25,000 dump trucks with snow each year.

### The role played by citizens

#### Keep your distances

Whether you are a pedestrian, a driver, or a cyclist, always keep a safe distance between yourself and the imposing equipment and hulking vehicles operated by snow removal teams.

#### Do not push your snow to the sidewalk or into the street

It is forbidden to push snow from a private property onto a public road. Make sure that it has been blown or shoveled onto your property. If space is lacking on your property to accommodate cleared snow, you can apply in person to the Borough's **Access Montréal Office** for a permit to deposit your snow onto the street. You will, amongst other things, need to furnish visual confirmation of the surface area to be cleared. The cost of the permit will depend on the size of that area and on your type of building. It is recommended to display the permit in a window so that it is visible from the street.

#### Keep an eye out for orange parking signs

Following a snowstorm, watch for parking prohibition signs and move your vehicle accordingly. Do not wait for the arrival of tow trucks to do so.

#### Parallel park your vehicle

Parallel park your vehicle, near the curb. Parking at an angle or away from the curb may hinder the passage of snow removal, emergency, or collection vehicles. Moreover, if your vehicle is idling, switch off the engine in order to reduce pollution.

#### Discover the benefits of public transit

In the aftermath of an important snowfall, travel by means of public transit. It is a practical solution that also has the advantage of improving the efficiency of snow removal operations.

#### Household waste and recyclables

On waste collection days, make sure your containers and bags are both visible and accessible. Quickly retrieve your garbage can or recycling container once waste has been collected.

### Vehicles towed to enable the passage of snow removal teams

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