

What can you do Leading up to and Following a Snow Storm?

- When a Winter Storm is forecast, you should ensure that you purchase any food, medication and household supplies that you might need for the next 48 hours.
- Try to stay off the streets. Where possible, avoid unnecessary trips on our roads and sidewalks.
- Use public transit whenever possible. Fewer cars on the street can help us plough the snow.
- If possible, keep parked cars off the street so that ploughs can move through the streets more effectively.
- Please avoid parking vehicles over sidewalks. This hampers sidewalk snow ploughing efforts.
- When shovelling snow, do not push snow from your property back onto the street. It is illegal and it obstructs the work that our operators are doing.
- If you live in an area where the city is unable to mechanically clear snow from sidewalks, please do so within 24 hours of a snowfall.
- Use salt on stairs and driveways only when necessary.

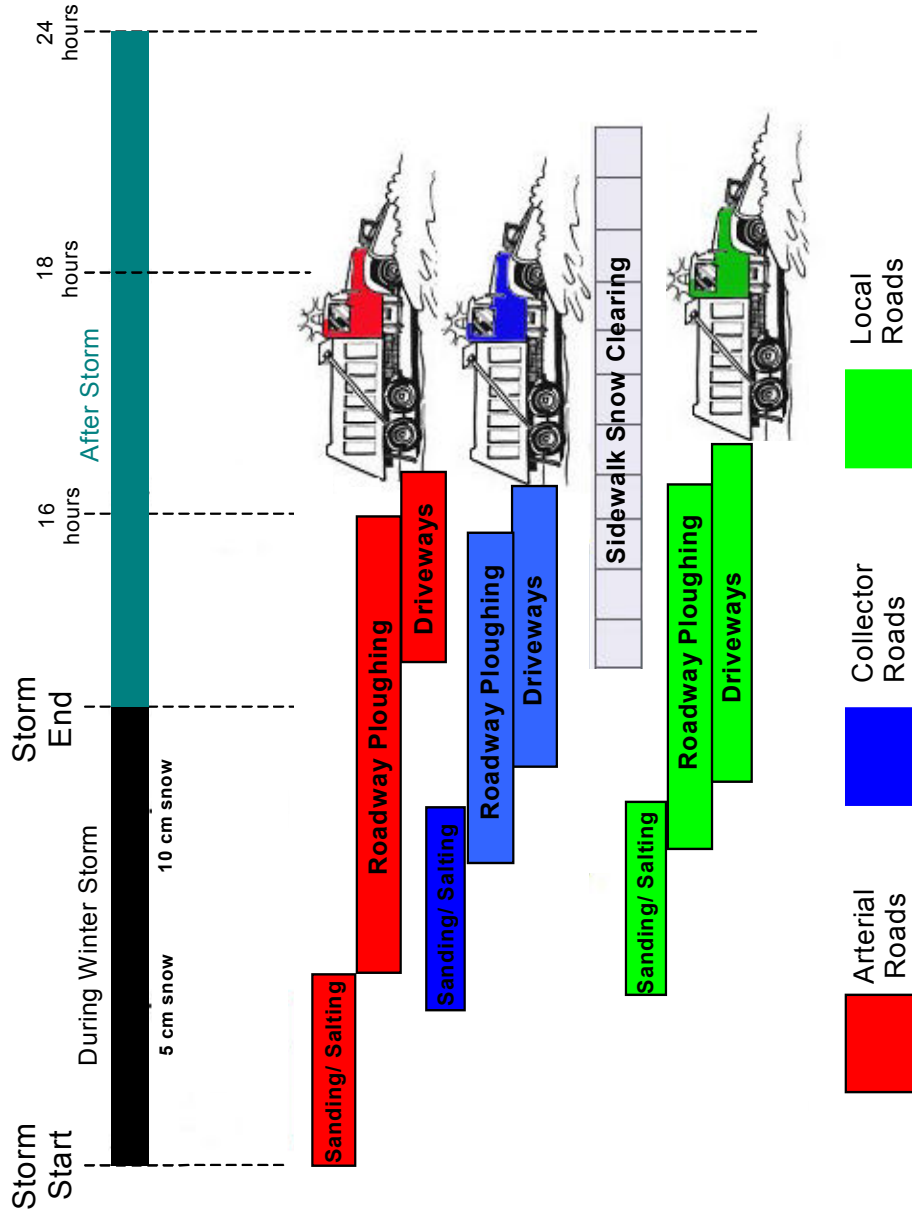
What is a Snow Emergency?

Transportation Services or the Mayor can declare a Snow Emergency for Toronto when a significant amount of snow falls within an eight hour period. During a Snow Emergency, it is illegal to park or stop on a snow route. A fine and towing may result.



The declaration of a Snow Emergency will be publicized in the media and announced on the 338-SNOW line. Snow Emergencies can remain in force for at least 72 hours but may be extended if required. We encourage you to avoid driving and use public transit during a Snow Emergency.

Typical Snow Maintenance Activities



This illustration shows typical snow maintenance activities undertaken during a Winter Snow Storm with an average of 12cm of snow accumulation.