

Snow Removal Services



The Township of King maintains an area of over 650 lane km of roads (536 km paved and 114 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.



905.833.5321



serviceking@king.ca



king.ca/SnowRemoval

KING



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 has introduced a new approach to sand and salt application for enhanced efficiency and **environmental sustainability** during the winter maintenance season.

In urban subdivisions, crews 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 reduces 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 helps 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.



Keep snow off the street

Removing or blowing snow from your driveway and depositing it onto the roadway may seem harmless, but it’s both **illegal and dangerous**.

Under **Section 181 of Ontario’s Highway Traffic Act**, placing snow or ice on a public road without permission is prohibited, as it can obstruct traffic, reduce visibility, and create hazardous conditions for drivers and pedestrians.

The Township of King’s **Clean Yards By-law (2016-68)** reinforces this by requiring property owners to maintain their land, including adjacent boulevards, free of waste, debris, and snow accumulations that could pose a public nuisance or safety risk. The by-law specifically prohibits transferring snow onto public roads, sidewalks, or boulevards.

Violations may result in enforcement actions, including **fines and remediation at the property owner’s expense**.

These regulations are in place to protect everyone; residents, emergency responders, and snow-clearing crews.

Please do your part to keep King’s streets safe, clean, and accessible this winter.



905.833.5321



serviceking@king.ca



king.ca/SnowRemoval

KING