

Snow Route parking bans – update

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This winter, Calgary will implement Snow Route parking bans for the first time in our city's history. This program will touch every community in Calgary and will impact all drivers.

The Snow Route parking ban bylaw was approved by City Council in October 2011. Since then, the program has undergone a number of adjustments in response to issues that were brought forward by aldermen and businesses groups.

The City has heard feedback from citizens and some communities concerned with the Snow Route parking bans in their areas. These concerns are being monitored closely, and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis after we experience the first few Snow Events. This will enable drivers to adjust to the new program and will ensure The City has accurate information regarding parking impacts and driver habits.

Snow Events are declared when five centimetres or more of snow accumulates on city streets. Snow Route parking bans will be in effect for 72 hours, but may be extended or lifted early based on road conditions and the status of snow clearing operations.

The information below contains some key updates regarding the new Snow Route program:

Overnight parking bans in the downtown core and Business Revitalization Zones

- While most Snow Route parking bans will be in effect for 72 hours when a Snow Event is declared by The City, some high density business areas will only have an overnight ban to accommodate parking during regular business hours.
- Specific Snow Routes located in downtown or in business revitalization zones (BRZ) will be in effect from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. when The City declares a parking ban.

Free overnight parking in City-owned lots

- The Calgary Parking Authority will offer free overnight parking from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. in all their lots when Snow Route parking bans are in effect. Lot locations can be found on the [CPA website](#).

Development of an [interactive Snow Route map](#) on Calgary.ca

- There is now an interactive Snow Route map on Calgary.ca that allows citizens to find Snow Route locations in their community.
- There is also a listing of Snow Route locations available on [Calgary.ca/snow](#).



E-mail notification available on Calgary.ca

- Citizens can quickly and easily subscribe to e-mail alerts on Calgary.ca/snow.
- E-mails will be sent to inform citizens whenever a Snow Route parking ban is expected, in effect, lifted or extended.

Smart phone app – with Snow Route parking ban “push” notifications

- The City of Calgary Road Conditions app will be launched in early December and is designed to help Calgarians plan their commute during winter storms. Real-time information will be provided on plow/sander locations, road conditions and traffic cameras.
- This app has the added feature of notifying citizens anytime a Snow Route parking ban has been advised, declared or lifted.

We need your support to make this program a success. You can help us make our roads safer and more driveable this winter by ensuring your car is not parked on a Snow Route during a parking ban. Become familiar with the Snow Routes in the areas where you live, work and visit. Be aware of the weather and understand that if you are parked on a Snow Route this winter and a parking ban is declared, you will have to find alternate parking.