

Winter Road Maintenance

How Wheatland County Keeps You Moving Safely

Winter storms can create challenging road conditions, but Wheatland County crews are ready to respond. Our focus is on keeping key routes open, then expanding efforts to lower volume roads as weather and resources allow.



Paved Roads

Snow plowing operations will commence within 24hrs of snowfall accumulation reaching 6cm or when icy conditions develop. Paved roads are maintained in order of priority:

- Priority 1: Major Collector roads (heaviest traffic).
- Priority 2: Minor Collector and connector roads (lighter traffic).
- Priority 3: Residential Roads and alleyways (residential access only).

Gravel Roads

Snow plowing operations will commence within 24hrs of snowfall accumulation reaching 15cm or when severe drifting conditions develop.

Target Service Levels:

Wheatland County targets to clear all priority roads within 72hrs following the END of a snow event.

Sidewalks and pathways adjacent to County owned property are targeted to be cleared within 48hrs after the ice or snow was deposited.

Delays can happen if:

- Snowfall is prolonged or returns before clearing is complete.
- Vehicles are stalled or parked on roadways.
- The storm brings unusually high snowfall volumes.
- Snowfall occurs during prolonged extreme cold temperatures.



Our Network

Wheatland County maintains thousands of kilometers of roadway each winter, including:

- 232 km of paved roads,
- 2,276 km of gravel roads,
- For a combined 5,016 total lane kilometers of roadway.

Snow Ridges (Windrows)

Snow ridges left along driveways and road edges from plowing are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner to clear.

- Snow cleared from approaches, driveways, sidewalks, and/or private roads may not be pushed across roadways or deposited onto County roadways or into ditches.
- The County only removes snow ridges from hamlets when there is a safety or drainage concern.



All primary and secondary highways within Wheatland County are maintained and cleared by Government of Alberta contractors.