



## Road Crews Continue in Full Force to Battle Snow

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VICTORIA, BC — Day 10 of winter weather conditions and City of Victoria public works crews remain hard at work staying ahead of what Mother Nature may bring next.

Working 24 hours a day, City road crews have cleared major routes and are focusing on sanding and salting residential side streets today. Crews are also busy clearing snow from downtown parking spots and bus stops.

As business owners clear their sidewalks, driveways and parking lots of snow, City crews are unfortunately finding a number of property owners clearing snow onto the street. Property owners are reminded that it is illegal under the *Streets and Traffic* bylaw to clear snow into the street as it impedes traffic, and due to the large accumulations of snow this weekend, the piles are creating visibility hazards. Property owners can be fined or charged the cost of snow removal.

Garbage collection in Victoria has also been affected due to heavy snowfall hampering backyard service. Residents are asked to bring their garbage can to the curb if possible. Collection may be delayed and any houses missed today will be picked up on their next scheduled collection day and the City will allow two cans.

Cold, fluctuating temperatures continue to cause expansion and contraction of metal water pipes resulting in water pipe breaks. The City has experienced eight water breaks in the last week, including two yesterday. More are expected as long as cold temperatures fluctuate, even by a few degrees.

As temperatures rise and snow melts, the City could see water pooling and flooding in low lying areas. Crews are clearing around catch basins in anticipation of this. Residents are also asked to clear catch basins of snow if possible.

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