

# All about Banff's snow clearing

Winter in the Canadian Rockies means snow and ice. The Town of Banff's street crew is ready for whatever weather comes our way.

Roads are plowed and sanded according to the Snow Management Plan. Different areas have different priority zones, which are based on transit, school bus and emergency vehicle routes, intersections and main thoroughfares. During a snowfall, crews will keep plowing the highest priority zones to ensure main roads are clear before moving on to lower priorities.

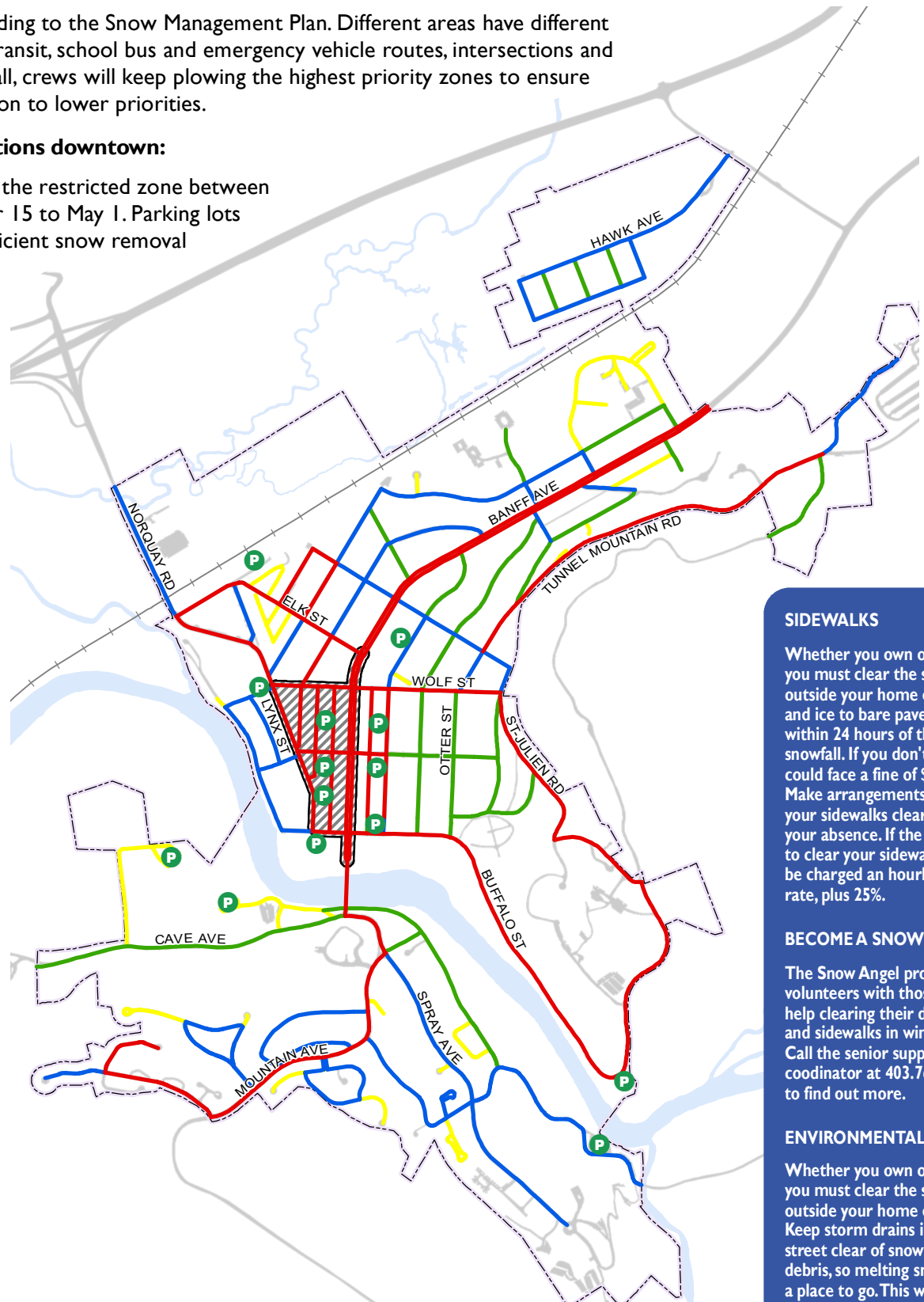
## Overnight winter parking regulations downtown:

Please do not park on the streets in the restricted zone between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. effective November 15 to May 1. Parking lots remain open. This allows safe and efficient snow removal before business hours.

## How it works:

- We closely monitor weather reports so the crew is ready for significant snowfalls.
- The workday starts at 6 a.m., but can begin much earlier depending on the weather.
- We have three sanders - all with plows - and one grader. We hire trucks to haul away snow when necessary.
- We usually stockpile more than 500 metric tonnes of a sand/gravel mix at the Operations compound.
- We keep our use of salt to a safe minimum while maintaining balance between environmental impact and public safety.
- We don't clear roads to bare pavement. Our goal is to maintain a laneway wide enough for vehicles to safely pass.
- Plowing takes precedence over any snow removal. In fact, accumulated snow is only removed when it impedes traffic or visibility, or in case of a safety or drainage problem. parking lanes are not cleared during snow events.
- A crew is standing by 24/7, but can only be called out by the supervisor or Emergency Services.
- In residential areas, crews will post 'no parking' signs at least 72 hours ahead of a planned snow removal. Please help us out, and move your car, or risk a ticket and towing.

If you have a concern about your street, complete an Action Request online at [banff.ca/action](http://banff.ca/action) or call Operations at 403.762.1240 during regular work hours.



Snow Management	
<span style="color: red;">—</span> 1st Priority	<span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">P</span> Parking Lots
<span style="color: blue;">—</span> 2nd Priority	No parking on streets in this area between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. from Nov 15 to May 1
<span style="color: green;">—</span> 3rd Priority	
<span style="color: yellow;">—</span> 4th Priority	

## SIDEWALKS

Whether you own or rent, you must clear the sidewalks outside your home of snow and ice to bare pavement within 24 hours of the last snowfall. If you don't, you could face a fine of \$100. Make arrangements to have your sidewalks cleared in your absence. If the Town has to clear your sidewalk, you'll be charged an hourly labour rate, plus 25%.

## BECOME A SNOW ANGEL

The Snow Angel program pairs volunteers with those needing help clearing their driveways and sidewalks in winter. Call the senior support coordinator at 403.762.1253 to find out more.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

Whether you own or rent, you must clear the sidewalks outside your home of snow and debris, so melting snow has a place to go. This will help keep ice from forming on the street. Remember, the storm drains lead directly to the Bow River. Don't use toxic de-icers, including salt.