

Maintenance Quality Standards for Roads

All roads are grouped in classes and by type. They are listed in the Council approved Maintenance Quality Standards for Roads, Sidewalks and Pathways. These standards are used to prioritize how frequently roads are plowed, how ice is controlled and how snow is removed. High priority roads and most arterial roads are dealt with first.

The following table describes the Maintenance Quality Standards for snow and ice control on city roads.

Road Maintenance Class		Road Type	Minimum depth of Snow Accumulation for Deployment of Resources(<i>Depth as per MMSMH</i>)	Time to clear Snow From the End of Snow Accumulation or Time to Treat Icy Conditions(<i>Time as per MMSMH</i>)	Treatment standard		
					Bare pavement	Centre bare	Snow-packed
1	A	High priority roads	As accumulation begins (2.5-8 cm depending on class)	2 h (3-4 h)	X		
	B				X		
2	A	Most arterials		3 h (3-6 h)	X		
	B				X		
3	A	Most major collectors		4 h (8-12 h)	X		
	B				X		
4	A	Most minor collectors	5 cm (8 cm)	6 h (12-16 h)	X		
	B					X	
	C						X
5	A, C	Residential roads and lanes	7 cm (10 cm)	10 h (16-24 h)			X
	B		10 cm (not defined)	16 h (not defined)			X

MMSMH refers to Ontario Regulation 239/02, Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highway