

November 2020

Snow Removal



The Village has approximately 40 km of roadways and lanes that must be maintained. Our Public Works department does their best to clear these areas within 48 hours of a snowfall.

The Village has 4 ranked snow removal priorities:

1. Emergency Routes, including the main streets in the Village (5th Avenue, Hwy 5 frontage road and Main Street); 9th Avenue (between Gorse Street & Highway 5).
2. The streets by both the Secondary and Elementary Schools; Parking areas at the Fire Department, Service BC, Public Library, Community Services Building, Valemount Children's Activity Society, and Village Office.
3. The remainder of the residential streets and the two alleys immediately to the North and South of 5th Avenue, between Birch and Dogwood Streets.
4. Residential alleys (only after all of the above have been cleared, sanded & salted)

Village property includes street easements. A street easement is the property between your property line (fence) and the road. The Village uses this property for snow storage when necessary. Please do not store vehicles or materials on Village easements; it is against Village Bylaws to do so.

Most municipalities DO NOT remove windrows. However, the Village of Valemount does make every effort to provide this service ONLY after the above 4 priorities have been completed.

We thank you for your patience during the busy winter season.

Annual Wes Hudson Light Up Contest

Start decorating your home or business for the holidays.

Prizes will be awarded for residential and commercial. Prizes for each include:

- 1st place \$50
- 2nd Place \$25

Judging will take place between December 14th and December 17th.



Snow Removal—Sidewalks

- When snowfall is 10 cm (4 in) or more, the Village will clear one pass of downtown sidewalks prior to business hours.
- At all other times, the clearing of sidewalks along 5th Avenue between Dogwood and Birch Streets will be the responsibility of the landlord/tenant.
- Sidewalks must be cleared of snow by 10 a.m. on weekdays, and within 24 hours of a snowfall over 10 centimeters on weekends.
- Sidewalks are expected to be kept to a condition to allow safe use by pedestrians. Handicapped ramps are to be kept to bare condition, or if impossible, then sanded.
- Sidewalks shall receive ice control measures by the tenants and landlords after snow clearing if conditions require.

Reminders to Residents

- The Village Office and Visitor Information Centre will be **closed** on Wednesday November 11 for Remembrance Day.
- Any outstanding **taxes or utilities are due** by December 31, 2020. After this date, current taxes and utilities will transfer to arrears and begin accumulating interest.
- The Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program will be **accepting applications beginning in December**. If you are a non-profit organization and have a project that requires funding, begin planning now.
- **Locals receive 25% off** select merchandise at the Visitor Information Centre every Wednesday. This excludes consignment items, books, and maps.

**ON NOVEMBER 27TH, CELEBRATE
PLAID FRIDAY WITH US AND SHOW
LOCAL, INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES
SOME LOVE!**



Come out and shop local for Plaid Friday on November 27.

Plaid Friday is an alternative to the madness of Black Friday and helps support our local businesses. Wear all of your favorite plaid items and visit the Love Valemount businesses to take part in Plaid Friday promotions and contests.

Full details of the Plaid Friday contests, promotions and participating businesses will be announced soon on the Love Valemount Facebook page.

Home Winterizing Tips

As temperatures begin to dip, your home will require maintenance to keep it in optimum shape throughout the season. Winterizing helps protect your investment while keeping you comfortable. Check out some of the tips below to winterize your home:

Furnace

- Get your furnace inspected and clean your ducts.
- Stock up on furnace filters and change them monthly.
- Remove all flammable material from the area surrounding your furnace.

Wood Stove/Fireplace

- Get your chimney cleaned.
- Inspect the fireplace damper for proper opening and closing.
- Ensure you have dry fire wood. (<20% moisture content)

Doors and Windows

- Use weather stripping around doors to prevent cold air from entering the home
- Caulk windows if needed.
- Replace cracked glass or windows.
- Consider plastic shields to insulate windows.

Roof/Gutters/Downspouts

- Ensure adequate insulation in your attic.
- Check flashing to ensure water can't enter your home.
- replacing worn roof shingles or tiles.
- Clean out the gutters and clear downspouts.

Plumbing

- Locate your water main in the event you need to shut it off in an emergency.
- Drain, remove and store garden hoses.
- Insulate or install heat tape to exposed plumbing pipes.

Other

- Change smoke detector batteries and install carbon monoxide detectors, and test them to ensure they are working.
- Check/prepare your emergency kit.



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