

Important Points Markham Residents Need to Know This Winter

- **Snow Removal**

The snow you or your contractor remove from your driveway must be deposited on the boulevard of your own property. Snow must not be pushed into the road or onto boulevards across the street from your home.

- **Parking**

Parking rules ensure that our streets are clear to accommodate traffic flow, emergency vehicles and snow ploughs. During winter months, parking on both sides of residential streets severely restricts access for emergency response vehicles. Markham Winter Parking Community Safety Awareness Program requires that **vehicles be parked only on one side of local residential streets between November 1 and March 31**. An announcement will be made to notify residents regarding which side of the street winter parking will be permitted. (This restriction will not apply to streets with existing posted parking restrictions.)



Parking is not allowed on Town streets from 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Though temporary parking permission can be granted for overnight visitors at most times during the year, **exemptions are not granted between November 1 and March 31** when street parking will interfere with snow removal.

Vehicles parked on the road during this period can receive a fine of \$100 and be towed.

- **Idling**

The Town of Markham's Idling Control By-law limits idling to 3 minutes. Contravention of the By-law could result in a fine.

- **Animals**

Dogs off leash: The Town's Animal Control By-law prohibits dogs running at large. A dog will be considered "at large" if it is off the owner's premises and not on a leash. A permanent dog off leash park has been established at the northwest corner of Miller and Rodick Road. A map of the area, guidelines and further information about the park may be found on the Town website at www.markham.ca.



This is the only location in Markham where your dog can be legally off leash, other than on its owner premises.

Poop 'n Scoop: The Animal Control By-law requires dog owners to remove any excrement left by their dog on public or private property. Please help protect the cleanliness and safety of our Town by cleaning up after your pets.

Pet Licensing: Markham's Animal Control By-law requires that all dogs and cats residing within the Town of Markham be licensed annually. Licensing your dog or cat could play a critical role in identifying your pet should it become lost. If you welcome a new pet into your home partway through the calendar year, you may be able to purchase a licence at a reduced fee. You must apply for the licence within 30 days of getting your pet.

Animal Licences expire annually on December 31st. A renewal license application from the Town will come to you in the mail. Once you receive your notice, mail your completed form along with payment, to the Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3. Or you may renew at our conveniently located outside licence sales locations. See the Town website www.markham.ca for details.

- **Wildlife**

As the temperatures begin to drop our urban wildlife begin to look for winter den sites within our homes. To animal proof your home be sure your chimneys, roof vents, and any existing openings are screened. Also, to prevent easy access onto your roof, trim back trees and vines away from the roof edge. To report an incident regarding wildlife in distress, orphaned or injured, please call the OSPCA at 1-888-668-7722 or visit their website .



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- **Trees**

Markham's Tree Preservation By-law supports our efforts to promote a greener community and healthier environment. In most cases, before removing a tree from your property, homeowners must get a permit. Call 905 477 7000 x5530 for more information before you cut !

- **Driveways**

If you have plans to install or extend your driveway next spring, you will need to hire a Town of Markham licensed driveway contractor to do the work. Licensed contractors are listed on our website at www.markham.ca.

Markham by-laws regulate driveway width and prohibit the extension of a driveway onto the Town boulevard. To be sure your driveway will be in compliance, By-law staff can visit your property, review your proposed project and explain the by-law requirements. To schedule a visit, call 905-477-5530.

- **Driveway Windrow Snow Removal Assistance Program**

Markham's Driveway Windrow Removal Assistance Program helps physically challenged and 60+ year old residents maintain road access from their driveways during the winter season. The "windrow" is the row of snow created by the snow plows as they plow the streets. This service does not include the removal of any windrows left by the sidewalk plows or in rear lanes.

Windrows will be cleared (one car width at the base of the driveway) within 8 hours following the plowing of the road. Crews will be dispatched on primary and secondary roads after a 5 cm (2") snow fall, and on local roads after an 8 cm (3") snowfall.

Note: The Town reserves the right to decide when snow windrow service will take place.

If you are interested in applying for this service, you can go online at www.markham.ca to learn more about the eligibility and application process, visit the Contact Centre at the Markham Civic Centre, or call 905-475-4866.

- **When in doubt, check it out!**

For more information, call 905-477-5530, email customerservice@markham.ca or visit us online at www.markham.ca.

- **Look for the plate!**

In 2010, Markham issued new metal licence plates for all vehicles licensed under our mobile licensing programs, including taxis, limousines, driving instructors, refreshment vehicles and tow trucks. Look for Markham's distinctive new plate style to be sure you are accessing a service licensed by the Town of Markham.

