

Winter Wise

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The City of Coquitlam reviewed its snow removal policies and service priorities this past year and has implemented service improvements to better meet the needs of our community. Two of those improvements are better communication between staff from the City of Coquitlam and School District No. 43, and placing a higher priority on clearing school roads to ensure at least one lane of access is available.

The City has also developed a central location on the City website to help residents get Winter Wise. You will find lots of information to help you enjoy a safe winter season at www.coquitlam.ca/winterwise including weather forecasts, updates on snow removal activities, and contacts for programs to help residents. The City is working directly with the School District and will be posting school closure announcements on our website as well.

We want all our children to remain safe when it snows so please go over the safety guidelines to help ensure your child has nothing but fun this winter.



Stay Safe When it Snows Student Information

When it snows, the City's streets can be especially dangerous. Vehicles have trouble stopping, drivers cannot see pedestrians very well and the City's big snow plows are constantly moving snow to the sides of the streets to clear the roads. Vehicles and snow plows need more room on the road to turn corners and more time to slow down and stop than in normal conditions.

To help keep you safe, please remember to follow these guidelines at all times when you are walking in snowy conditions:

- ❖ Try to stay on the sidewalk or the boulevard and not on the street.
- ❖ If there is no way to get to the sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic, pay close attention and move as close to the sidewalk as possible.
- ❖ When you are on the sidewalk and see a snow plow approaching, please stay far away from the road as it is passing.
- ❖ Play in the snow in playgrounds and yards rather than beside the street. Snow banks beside the road are dangerous because people driving their cars might not be able to see you.
- ❖ Do not throw snowballs at any vehicles including snow plows because it can cause drivers to have a car accident.
- ❖ Be careful when playing on toboggans and other winter play equipment.

Have fun in the snow and be safe.

Visit www.coquitlam.ca/winterwise for changes to this information and more details including weather forecasts, updates on snow removal activities, school closure notices and garbage pickup schedules.