



ENJOYING WINTER!

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WATER VALVES

Before winter arrives, we ask that you locate and identify the water valve on the edge of your property in case of breakage or freezing.

It is also recommended that you verify the water valve inside your residence, to make sure it is functioning properly.

If required, we will be pleased to help you locate the exterior water valve. Please contact us at 819-322-2900, extn. 223.

You can prevent water damage occurring inside your home: *it's up to you!*

WINTER PARKING

Parking on municipal streets has long been prohibited between November 15 and April 15, from midnight to 8 a.m., by virtue of by-law #215.

In spite of this, nighttime snow removal operations are often obstructed because a number of vehicles are left in the streets, due to the fact that their owners have not cleared their own driveways. This situation prevents us from doing our work properly and causes a slowdown in snow removal operations in other sectors.

Notice

***THE PARKING BY-LAW WILL BE APPLIED RIGHT FROM THE START OF THE
WINTER SEASON AND FINES WILL BE ISSUED IN CONSEQUENCE.***



SNOW REMOVAL

Our Municipality's snow removal policy has been in effect since 1993. The Public Works team does everything it can to provide a good service. It must be understood that each snowstorm brings specific challenges with it depending on what time of day it arrives. Snow accumulation can cause difficulties when you are heading out to work or coming home, regardless of whether it is during the week or on weekends.

Due to the fact that snow falling slowly may accumulate continuously over a long period, it does happen that Public Works employees start work early in the morning and are forced to redo their circuits more than once during the same storm. It is necessary to reevaluate the work being done, by sector, sometimes on an hourly basis.

And what can we say about our winter ice storms, occurring across Québec, which leave the roads almost impassable, and with precipitations sometimes so strong that it is useless to spread abrasives on the roads at all. Unfortunately, the roads of Val-David sometimes suffer this fate. We therefore request that the citizens of Val-David show patience at such times and that they carefully evaluate the need for any travel whatsoever during times of difficult climatic conditions, in which everyone's problems are compounded.

TIPS FOR WINTER

Roadside landscaping

It is advisable to install poles and fences to protect plants and shrubs on the edge of your property adjoining a roadway, in order to prevent damage from accumulations of snow thrown up during road-clearing operations.

Winter tires

Winter tires are the only truly safe solution when using our roads in winter, particularly in very cold weather. They can help reduce the braking area needed by up to 25 % on certain vehicles. Leave four-season tires to people who live in the city!

Letterboxes

In rural areas, letterboxes located too close to the roadside may be damaged by our maintenance vehicles. It is not very safe either, for a postman to try and deliver the mail in a situation in which the delivery vehicle is partly blocking the public roadway due to snow accumulation, nor is it safe for the householder who is collecting the mail in similar conditions.

The Municipality is not responsible for any breakages occurring to letterboxes during snow removal operations, in cases in which the letterbox has not been installed in conformity with property limits, or too close to the roadway.

We count on everybody's collaboration and understanding!