

Edmonton Winter-Ready Home Checklist

6 things to do before the first big snow. Tick them off as you go.

- ☐ **1 Unhook the garden hose and shut off the outdoor tap**
Not freeze-proof? Close the shut-off valve inside, open the tap outside to drain it, then close it. A frozen hose can burst and cause water damage.
Source: EPCOR, Frozen pipes
- ☐ **2 Swap the furnace filter**
Your furnace is about to run for months. Can't remember the last service? Book one now.
- ☐ **3 Clear the eavestroughs**
Get the leaves out and point the downspouts away from the house, so spring melt stays away from your foundation.
- ☐ **4 Grab free sand**
Free sand at City community sandboxes, large sand bins (like the Ambleside and Kennedale Eco Stations or Borden Park) and roadway maintenance yards. Bring your own container.
Source: City of Edmonton, Community Sandboxes
- ☐ **5 Sign up for parking ban alerts**
Bans come with at least 8 hours' notice, and that goes fast if you're at work. A car left on the road during a ban may get a \$250 fine.
Source: City of Edmonton, Parking Bans
- ☐ **6 Clear and light your steps for Halloween**
Trick-or-treaters arrive October 31. A clear, sanded walk and a working porch light make it safer for everyone.

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"You get 48 hours to shovel."

Fact: Edmonton's Community Standards Bylaw 14600 **sets no time limit**. The City asks you to clear your sidewalk **as quickly as possible**, down to the concrete, for the full width and length. Sand, gravel or ice melt can be a stop-gap while you clear it.

Skip it and it could mean a **\$100 fine plus the cost of snow removal**.

Source: City of Edmonton, Residential Sidewalk Snow and Ice, edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/sidewalk-snow-removal (read Oct 22, 2026)

First big snow day

What to do when the snow really comes down.

- ☐ **Check for a parking ban**
The City gives at least 8 hours' notice. During a ban, park in your driveway or garage, not on the road (you may get a \$250 fine) and not on your lawn.
- ☐ **Watch for yellow "No Parking" signs on your street**
In a residential (Phase 2) ban, they go up at least 24 hours before your area is cleared. Each neighbourhood is affected for about 72 hours.
- ☐ **Shovel your sidewalk as quickly as possible**
Down to the concrete, full width and length. No 48-hour grace period.
- ☐ **Sand the icy spots**
Sand, gravel or ice melt while you finish clearing. Out of sand? Refill free at a City sandbox (bring a container).
- ☐ **Check the windrow at the end of your driveway**
The City clears driveway windrows over 30 cm, opening one lane of about 3.5 m. Windrow blocking a sidewalk? Call 311.
- ☐ **Check on your neighbours**
Icy sidewalks are hard on neighbours with limited mobility, mail carriers and waste collectors. Offering a hand goes a long way.

Handy City of Edmonton and EPCOR pages

Sidewalk snow and ice (bylaw, fine)	edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/sidewalk-snow-removal
Parking bans (sign up for alerts)	edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/seasonal-parking-ban
Free sand locations	edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/community-sandboxes
Windrows and winter roads	edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/snow-ice
Frozen pipes (EPCOR)	epcor.com/ca/en/ab/edmonton/outages/emergencies/frozen-pipes.html
City of Edmonton phone	311





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Facts from the City of Edmonton and EPCOR websites, read October 22, 2026. Rules and fines can change, so check edmonton.ca for the latest. This checklist is general information, not legal advice.