

Snow is coming: what do you need to know about snow clearing?

On a snowy day, we start clearing as early as 5 am. Learn about our process at altona.ca!

- For your safety and ours, leave at least 30 feet (10m) between you and any piece of snow clearing equipment at all times.
- Once the grader has been by to clear your street, and there is a windrow at the end of your driveway, one of our two snow blowers is en route to clear the windrow away.
- If we have blocked a road with snow removal equipment, it is done intentionally, for your safety. Please find an alternate route to your destination. DO NOT attempt to go around, or under snow clearing equipment, as this puts everybody at risk.
- Please keep your waste containers (garbage/recycling/compost) on your driveway, away from the curb. If these containers are on the boulevard or the road, they are in the way.
- Snow from your driveway should be moved off to the side, into your yard, and not onto the boulevard. The boulevard is used to store the snow from the street. On heavy years, there is not room for your driveway snow as well.
- In the Town of Altona Traffic and Parking Bylaw, you will find the following references:
 - Persons shall remove parked vehicles and refrain from parking on public streets and lanes during and after snowfall events which require the removal of accumulated snow. Persons may resume parking on streets after snow removal operations have been completed.
 - **No person shall deposit snow from private properties onto public roads, streets and lanes.** Persons found depositing snow on public roads, streets and lanes after the snow on the roadway has been removed will be charged the cost to remove such snow.

Safe Winter Driving

Winter driving safety begins before you leave the driveway. First, check the weather forecast. Give yourself extra time to drive. Clear ice and snow from all exterior windows and mirrors before you start driving, and clear foggy windows inside the car too. Don't be an igloo on wheels!

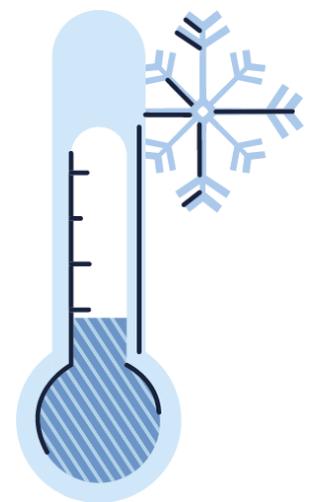
Keep an emergency car kit in your car with items you can likely find around your home: gloves, hats, a blanket, a first aid kit, booster cables, a small shovel, a flashlight, and anything else that can help keep you safe. A cell phone is a useful tool in an emergency, but you should never use it while driving.

Fill up your tank— at minimum, keep your gas tank half-full. If you're ever stuck in an emergency on the road, you'll be able to run your car for short periods of time to stay warm.

Make sure your lights are on. Not only does it make your path clearer, it also helps other drivers see you.

Cruise control is helpful, but not on slippery roads. Stay attentive and be ready to brake. The best way to avoid a skid is by driving at speeds that are safe for the weather and road conditions. Remember, speed limits are posted for ideal weather, which means in the winter you should always drive below the speed limit.

If you do get stuck, stay calm. Don't do any heavy lifting or try to push your car by yourself. make sure the tailpipe of your car isn't blocked by snow. Then keep a window slightly open for fresh air and stay awake.



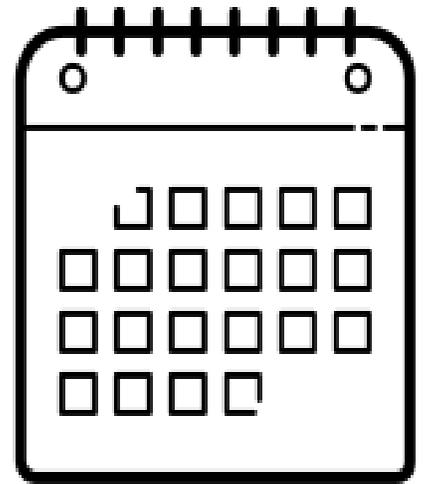
Compost

It is now November, which means that compost is collected **MONTHLY** instead of weekly.

Your compost will be collected on your **LAST** scheduled pick-up of the month through the winter

Dates to Remember for November 2020:

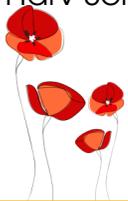
- ⇒ **Nov 4:** Southwest Drainage Public Information Session, 7 pm on Youtube
- ⇒ **Nov 6:** Last day for Take Home Christmas Gnome Kit
- ⇒ **Nov 7:** Babysitting Course
- ⇒ **Nov 10:** Council Meeting, 5:30 pm at RPC
- ⇒ **Nov 11:** Remembrance Day, Offices Closed
- ⇒ **Nov 21:** Emergency First Aid/CPR Course
- ⇒ **Nov 24:** Council Meeting, 5:30 pm at RPC
- ⇒ **Nov 24-27:** Compost Collection Week
- ⇒ **Nov 26:** Last day for Take Home Snowy Owls



From the Mayor's Desk

Altona residents have for many years gathered on Nov 11th in Gretna for Remembrance Day ceremonies and an opportunity to quietly pay tribute to the young men who stepped forward to serve, with many not returning home to Southern Manitoba. Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, this year's ceremony will not be held, but I encourage you to explore a "made in Altona" option. The Altona Cenotaph, in the downtown business area, is a place of quiet reflection which can be experienced at any time, during any season. The cenotaph was established 25 years ago by the Altona Gretna Optimist Club, Veterans and their families, and Town of Altona Council, with tireless leadership provided by Harv Kroeker and Art Braun.

Altona Town Council is also enthusiastic about a significant change for the cenotaph, due to the impending downtown drainage project planned for 2021. The cenotaph will be relocated to the Millennium Exhibition Centre on 10th Avenue. The new location was chosen for a variety of reasons including access to washrooms, electricity, Rhineland Pioneer Centre, and a chance to "re-launch" the cenotaph in a high visibility zone. We look forward to seeing the project completed in 2021, and thank the steering committee of Altona Police Chief Perry Batchelor, Recreation Services Manager Eric Hildebrand, and Councillor Harv Schroeder.



Lest we forget

- Mayor Al Friesen

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Don't Forget Your Mask!



Masks that cover the nose, mouth and chin without gapping are required for the public to enter town-owned public facilities.

SW Drainage Public Information Session

Join us virtually to learn more about the proposed plan to address drainage issues in the southwest corner of Altona. We will be streaming the community information session live and look forward to sharing the plan and answering your questions about it! Find us on Youtube at Town of Altona!

November 4, 2020
7:00 pm

