

TOA Snow Windrow FAQs



What is a windrow?

The row of snow left at the bottom of a driveway after the snowplow has cleared the road.



Who is responsible for clearing residential windrows?

Homeowners are responsible for clearing windrows.



How are windrows formed?

Roadway snowplows are designed to move snow from the travelled portion of the road towards the right side of the road. As the snow is moved from left to right it is deposited in a long narrow pile along the right edge of the road (windrows), windrows are unavoidable when snow is plowed in this manner.



Can't the Operator just lift their plow to avoid putting snow in my driveway?

Driveway windrows cannot be avoided by raising or lowering the front plow or side "wing" plow on the plow truck, doing this would leave snow deposited on the travelled portion of the road which is unsafe for road users.



Is there a Town program for seniors or those who are unable to shovel?

Yes, the Town offers snow removal for seniors and qualified residents, learn more at ajax.ca/Snow



What would the cost be to provide a Town-wide windrow clearing program for residents?

The estimated annual cost to deliver this enhanced winter program is over \$1.8 million.

Did you know?



There are over **30,000** residential driveways in Ajax



On street parking may **obstruct** the clearing of windrows

- Windrow clearing is not as effective as may be expected as **only 80% of the driveway width may be cleared** to accommodate a single car width & some snow will remain in the driveway due to the nature of the equipment
- **During heavy snow events, the plow blade becomes less effective** resulting in spillage and significantly reduced snow storage space
- **Snow storage availability is very limited in newer communities** where narrow lots reduce available space