



Snow Clearing Procedures 2019-20

The Grounds Department at the University of Lethbridge is responsible for snow and ice clearing on campus. This duty is very important and will take precedence over any other Grounds duty during weather events that require snow and ice clearing. Priorities are defined in descending order, with the assumption that pathways and roads have equal priority and are treated concurrently.

Priorities are put in place for situations where it is not possible to provide timely service to all parts of campus and decisions have to be made to provide service to the parts of campus where pedestrian and vehicular traffic is greatest. It is important to emphasise that under no circumstances should the crew rush or take shortcuts that endanger themselves or the public, nor should the equipment be overstressed as this is likely to result in breakdowns further reducing our ability to respond to the storm.

During excessive snow events, the Director of Facility Operations and Maintenance makes the decision to supplement the Grounds crew with staff from other departments such as Building Maintenance, Caretaking, Mechanical and/or electrical. By doing that, efforts can be made more effective by having the fully qualified Grounds crew operate the machines for road/sidewalk clearing and have the supplemental staff do manual work clearing building entrances and staircases.

The priorities for any snow/ice event are identified as follows, again knowing that Walkways and Roadways are considered equal priority and are treated concurrently.

1. Walkways, including crosswalks
 - a. The Students' Union Building Plaza (south side), North and South 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport & Wellness (Wellness Centre) entrances, walkway to Lot E from Wellness Centre north entrance, the entrances on University Hall level 4, and the main entrance to SC (Science Commons).
 - b. Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience (CCBN) clinic entrances, Anderson Hall, Turcotte Hall, Markin Hall including handicap parking stalls, the bridge and pathway from Markin Hall to SC, the walkway to University Drive from Lot E
 - c. Alberta Water & Environmental Science Building (AWESB), Hepler Hall, Patterson Centre and entrances at SC
 - d. Walkway from Students' Union Building to University Hall level six and University Hall north patio, the stairs from Lot I to the University hall level six north patio.
 - e. Aperture Residential Park walkways
2. Roadways and parking lots as follows:
 - a. In the absolute worst weather we will endeavour to keep the bus loop by the Students' Union Building and Aperture Drive open for busses and emergency vehicles.
 - b. Our next priority will be to keep access to Valley Road open for emergency vehicles.
 - c. Coulee trail to the University Hall fourth level
 - d. Front drive at SC
 - e. Valley Ridge
 - f. Driving lanes surrounding lots E, F, and G
 - g. Aperture Way, Aperture Lane and Parkway Road

- h. Driving lanes surrounding Lot N
- i. Parking areas in all lots