



2018-2019 Holiday Season - Village Operations

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 Depot Open Pool Open	17 Commercial Garbage Depot Closed Pool Open	18 Depot Closed Pool Open	19 Household Garbage pick-up All Facilities Open	20 All Facilities Open	21 Commercial Garbage pick-up Depot Open Village Office Closed 1 pm	22 Depot Open Pool Open
23 Depot Open Pool Open	24 Christmas Eve All Facilities Closed	25 Merry Christmas All Facilities Closed	26 Boxing Day All Facilities closed	27 Residential Garbage Regular operations resume	28 Commercial Garbage pick-up Regular Operations	29 Pool Open Depot Open
30 Depot Open Pool Open	31 All Facilities Closed	1 Happy New Year All Facilities Closed	2 Regular	3 Operations	4 Resume	5 →

Holiday Recycling tips at Recycle Council of BC website <https://www.rcbc.ca/content/holiday-info>

RECREATION
AQUATIC CENTER - Regular operating hours continue with the facility closed Dec 24-26th and Dec 31st - Jan 1st 2018. There are no scheduled Aquafit classes over the Christmas season.

ARENA - Dec 15th - is the last day of Public Skating, come & skate with Santa! Seasonal Ice/Hall use available by pre-booking only.



Got a Live Xmas Tree ... Free Disposal at the Drop-Off Depot Wed-Sun 10 am - 2:45 pm

VILLAGE OPERATING HOURS...ALL VILLAGE FACILITIES will close Dec. 24 through 26th and Dec 31st & Jan. 1st

- Give GREEN & Go Green...**
- Make reusable gift bags, & boxes.
 - Reuse old Christmas cards into gift tags, reuse ribbon and bows & buy recycled paper
 - Change old lights out for new LED's
- Homemade gifts are amazing;**
- Handmade scarves, hats & mittens
 - Homemade apron for a cook
 - Book bag for readers
 - Gardener's potted plant or seeds
- Give the gift of an experience;**
- Aquatic or Skating passes
 - Concert, sport or theater tickets
 - Lessons, Skiing or Gym passes
 - Tickets for a New Adventure to try
- Give a personal experience;**
- Give coupons for a home cooked meal, free babysitting, homemade cookies or treats, or a car wash or yard clean-up.



THE SCOOP ON VILLAGE SNOW CONTROL FOR 2018—2019 WINTER SEASON

The Village's policy for snow and ice control aims to provide safe movement of vehicle and pedestrian traffic in winter conditions. Plowing normally begins when approximately 10 centimeters (four inches) of snow has fallen, or when lesser snowfall is causing dangerous conditions. Weather conditions often are a factor in the decision when to start plowing, as predicted heavy snow, warming weather, rains or freezing may delay or hasten a decision to begin plowing.



Street Snow Plowing Priorities

- Collector roads
- Local roads
- Cul-de-sacs
- Parking Lots
- Emergency routes
- Steep hills
- Arterial roads

Some streets may not get done the same day depending on weather conditions and crew availability, or hills may only be done and streets left based on predicted weather conditions.

How to Help

- Drive with caution and reduce speed in snowy conditions.
- Avoid unplowed routes and don't park on unplowed streets.
- Property owners/occupiers are responsible to clear private roads, driveway and accesses without depositing snow onto Village streets.
- Vehicles need to be removed from streets during plowing to allow for effective snow removal (you could be ticketed if you impede snow plowing or your vehicle may be towed at your expense).
- Clear snow from the mouth of your driveway (back onto the boulevard, far enough back from the street to avoid re-plowing into your driveway or your neighbors).
- Do not shovel snow from your driveway into the road, this creates a safety hazard in our streets for both motorists and pedestrians as they try to avoid the resulting ice.
- Do not deposit snow over culverts or catch basins. Overloaded drains can flood and cause property damage.
- If you have a catch basin in front of your home, it is good practice to clear it with your driveway to avoid potential flooding of your yard, driveway or basement, as sometimes Village crews cannot get to all catch basins before the heavy rains come that often follow a snow storm.

Sidewalks

Many communities require residents to clear sidewalks in front of their residences. Gold River does not as we plow the snow from the streets to the sidewalks (due to the narrowness of our streets) and the heavy balls of snow are too much to ask residents to shovel off the sidewalk. In the past our equipment was not designed for sidewalk clearing and was not as effective as we would like. A couple years ago we purchased a multi-attachment Tractor which helped to improve sidewalk snow clearing. We attempt to plow the sidewalks soon after the streets are clear but there remains some unique obstacles (street lights, retaining walls), or weather conditions, that limit the quality of work. Due to manpower limitations Village crews do not normally manually shovel or clear sidewalks. We ask pedestrians utilizing sidewalks after they have been plowed to use extreme caution. Where sidewalks are not cleared or no sidewalk is in place, we ask that vehicle traffic slow down and take extra precaution when passing pedestrians who are walking on the street.

Walkways

After snow plowing and sidewalk clearing is complete and crews are available the Village tries to clear the many walkways connecting neighborhoods but this is last on our list and we do not schedule overtime for this work. These walkways may not be clear for a few days after a snow fall and pedestrians should use extreme caution or avoid these walkways until they have been cleared. On occasion the walkways may even be closed to pedestrian traffic until de-icing or snow clearing can be completed.