



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373			
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RATIONAL

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 has four graders to handle snowfalls events within the municipality. All four are equipped with wings, and we also have 3 front mount snow plow attachments. In average snowfall conditions, it takes approximately 10-12 hours to cover our 240 miles of infrastructure of the municipality's all-weather roads. In severe or prolonged snowfall conditions, this time will increase. Other factors that may affect the time required to cover the municipal would be the outside temperature which affects equipment operation.

Our goal is always to provide the best service we can, but also to use our resources as efficiently as possible. In general, it is most effective to wait until snowfall has ended or a storm has passed before heading out to clear the roads. By doing so, one pass over all the roads is often sufficient to restore good driving conditions. However, if conditions warrant acting sooner, the road foreman, under the direction of the Reeve and Council, will mobilize the crew.

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Order of Operation:

- Country Residential Developments
- Main Grids/Bus Routes
- Municipal Access Roads
- Custom Work

We strive to provide a fair and equal service during and after snowstorms. Our main high traffic grid roads, along with our country residential developments, receive top priority. Bus routes encompass our whole road network, so they get cleared as a matter of course with all other roads, but in extreme conditions bus routes are given priority. Not everyone can be first served, but we do alternate our routes each time out to be as fair as possible. If you rely on the rural municipality for custom work, please note that the rural municipality's policy is to clear all roads first before any private custom work is done.



When clearing snow on your own property, please do not pile it on the road surface, push it across the road, or pile it where it blocks the ditch drainage. **Do not pile snow on municipal property.** Snow from your driveway must be pushed into or piled on your own property, not onto or piled anywhere within the municipal road allowance. Piles of frozen snow on the driving surface or just off of the road are a hazard to vehicles and municipal equipment. Leaving a pile of snow beside your driveway approach also creates more problems for you personally, because your road will drift in that much faster the next time it snows or storms.