Let’s face it, we live in a City where the weather can change at a moment’s notice. That’s why it’s important to adjust your driving behavior to the changing road and weather conditions.

The City is committed to providing snow and ice control that makes it possible for commuters, transit users and commercial drivers to travel more safely. The City uses sanding, roadway plowing and neighbourhood blading to keep roads in good winter driving condition.

The Danger of the First Snow

### Total Number of Collisions on Edmonton’s Public Roads On a First Significant Snowy Day with Negative Temperature

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Speed limits are the maximum speed you should travel under ideal conditions.

Top Things You Can Do

- SLOW DOWN
- Leave more space between vehicles
- Brake early
- Watch for people crossing
Sunrise and Sunset
Driving towards sunrise or sunset can hamper visibility. Be sure your windshield is clean and free from frost. Keep sunglasses in your vehicle.

Beware of Black Ice
Slow down for on and off ramps, over-passes, shady spots, and bridge decks. Be extra cautious when it first starts to snow.

Storms
Slow down and drive with your headlights on. If you can’t see well enough to drive, pull as far off the road as you can do so safely. Use the vehicle’s hazard lights to warn other drivers of your presence.

Sand and Gravel
Clear winter roads may still have sand and gravel on them. Although sand can improve traction on snow and ice, on dry roads it acts like tiny ball bearings between your tires and the road. Brake early.

**STOPPING DISTANCE IN DIFFERENT WEATHER**
Stopping distance increases as weather worsens (car travelling 50 km/h)

- **DRY ROAD**: 35m +
- **WET ROAD**: 40m +
- **PACKED SNOW ROAD**: 55m +
- **ICY ROAD**: 87m +

For more information on safe winter driving, visit [edmonton.ca/snowinthe_city](http://edmonton.ca/snowinthe_city).

[edmonton.ca/visionzero](http://edmonton.ca/visionzero)

**VISION ZERO**: zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries