Fall & Winter Weather Reminders

With the change in season and the wet weather quickly approaching, the City of Langford Engineering Department has been preparing for the rains, snow and inclement weather.

Sand and Sandbags
The City provides sand and sandbags for Langford residents during the Fall and Winter months in preparation for inclement weather. They are available 24 hours a day, and sand will be topped up on a regular basis. We encourage residents to take only enough to meet their needs so they are available for others. Don’t forget to bring your own shovels!

Sand is available at the following locations:
- Dunford Avenue at Carlow Road (1016 Dunford Avenue)
- Firehall #2 (3213 Happy Valley Road)
- Firehall #3 (2872 Sooke Lake Road)
- Millstream Elementary School (626 Hoylake Road)

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
The property owner is responsible for cleaning the roof gutters and disposing of yard waste, like branches and leaves, and clearing the driveway culvert fronting the property.

MAINTAIN YOUR DRAIN AND CULVERTS
Flooding issues can be easily avoided by cleaning up leaves before they clog drains. The City is asking residents to help improve stormwater flow in their neighbourhoods by removing leaves and debris from the on-street catch basins and culverts near their homes. If standing water continues to be an issue after removing leaves from the drains, contact the Engineering Department.

RECYCLING
With the changing weather and increase in windy days, please secure your recycling to avoid having debris scattered around the neighbourhood.

The property owner is responsible for cleaning up these materials. As well as being unsightly, loose recycling can clog the drains, increasing flooding issues.

WINTER DRIVING
Please avoid driving during winter conditions and use alternate transportation where possible. We strongly recommend not driving during extreme events. If you must drive, follow the basic driving principles that apply during snowfall or icing conditions. Ensure that you have good winter tires, carry tire chains, lower your speed and keep a safe distance from other vehicles.

SNOW CLEARING
Roads are cleared in the following order:
- 1st priority - Major Roads
- 2nd priority - Steep Hills
- 3rd priority - Collectors, School and Playground Zones
- Lowest priority - Local Roads
During prolonged or heavy snowfall, crews may need to continue maintaining higher-priority roads before attempting lower-priority ones.

PARKING
In order to ensure that snow-clearing equipment can navigate the streets safely, do not park on the roadway. Owners of vehicles can be subjected to fines and/or tow-away at owners’ expense. If the snow plough cannot pass, your road may not be cleared.

SIDEWALKS
It is the PROPERTY OWNER’S responsibility to clear snow and ice from sidewalks and footpaths adjacent to their property. Please arrange for help in advance if you are away from home or are unable to remove snow and ice. Please volunteer to help if your neighbour or someone needs assistance.

Helpful Snow Clearing Tip: When clearing your driveway, pile the snow on the left-hand side (facing your house) so the snow plow doesn’t knock the pile back across your driveway apron.

For more information, please visit www.langford.ca
City of Langford Engineering Department: 250-474-0068 (after hours 250-391-3400) or engineering@langford.ca
Langford Sandbag Locations

- Millstream Elementary (626 Hoylake Avenue)
- Trolley Hall (3213 Happy Valley Road)
- Firehall #3 (2872 Sooke Lake Road)
- Carlow and Dunford Intersection (1016 Dunford Ave)

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