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County reminds residents to keep snow and ice on their property

With the recent snowfall, the County advises residents to keep the snow and ice they clear from their driveways and sidewalks on their property.

“Depositing snow, ice and other material onto roadways, right-of-ways, ditches, or property other than your own is strictly prohibited as per the County’s General Traffic Bylaw 3024 and the Highways Development and Protection Act for a number of reasons,” said Kim Donecz, Bylaw Sergeant. “It causes traffic and safety hazards by making roads uneven and impassable, and slows down the County’s snow removal operations.”

With the fluctuating temperatures over the winter and spring, snow plowed into ditches can freeze therefore increasing the risks of damaging equipment during back blading; blocking or damaging culverts during freeze and thaw cycles; and flooding in spring.

The General Traffic Bylaw 3024 also prohibits anyone from conducting any form of work or maintenance on any County road, road right-of-way, or ditch without permission from the County.

The failure to comply with the conditions in Bylaw 3024 and the Highways Development and Protection Act may result in Regional Enforcement Services Bylaw Officers issuing a \$100 fine, an order to clean up the snow and ice on the road, and an additional \$200 fine for failure to clean up debris on the road. As well, the County may be required to clean up the snow illegally pushed onto the road, or repair a damaged roadway or infrastructure and has the authorization to bill the offending property owner for the cleanup and/or repair.

Residents are encouraged to report improper snow removal and any other contraventions of the Traffic Bylaw 3024 and the Highway Development and Protection Act through the County’s Occurrence Reporting Program at www.countygp.ab.ca/occurrencereport, by email at enforcementservices@countygp.ab.ca or by phone at 780-532-9727.

For more information on the County’s Snow Removal Program and Traffic Bylaw 3024, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/snowremoval.

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