

Emergency Snow Closure

If it is necessary to close the Nanaimo campus due to weather conditions, announcements will be carried on the following radio stations:

- * The WAVE 102.3 FM (Nanaimo)
- * The WOLF 106.9 FM (Nanaimo)
- * CHLY 101.7 FM (Nanaimo)
- * The BEACH 88.5 FM (Parksville)
- * SUN FM 89.7 (Duncan)
- * CJAV 1240 AM (Port Alberni)

If the closure occurs overnight:

- * Messages will be carried on the above radio stations starting at 6:00 am.
- * The main Switchboard, 753-3245, will announce the closure, starting at 6:00 am.

If the closure occurs during the day or evening:

- * Employees will be notified via telephone voice messages and e-mail.
- * Area secretaries will notify instructors affected by the closure.
- * Instructors will notify students of impending closure.
- * The main Switchboard and the above radio stations will carry closure messages.

Points to Remember

- * Drive defensively.
- * Exercise caution when walking on sidewalks, stairways, and in parking lots. Please wear appropriate footwear.
- * Please yield to snowplows and sand trucks – remember a snowplow must keep moving in order to retain control.
- * There are fewer parking spaces during snowy weather.
- * We hope the information in this brochure has been helpful. We wish a safe winter season to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to Malaspina University-College.

For Further Information

For information, comments or suggestions on snow and ice control, please contact Facilities Services.

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Snow and Ice Control

Each winter, Malaspina's Facilities Services is responsible for clearing all walkways, stairs, roadways, and parking lots of snow and ice.

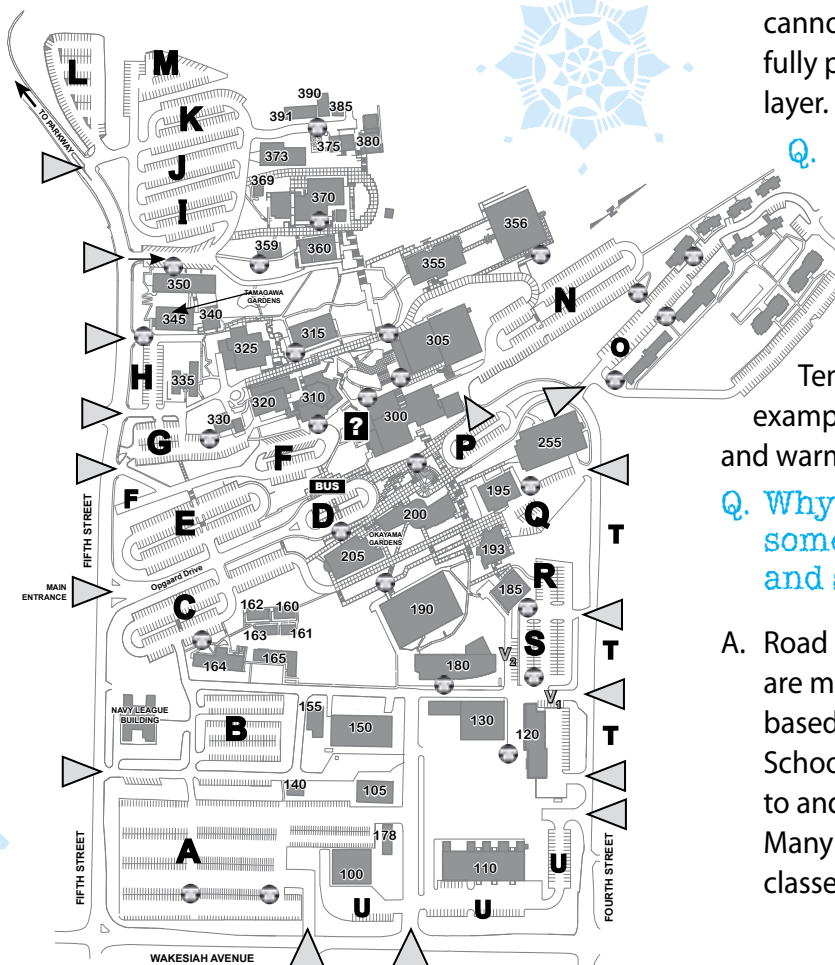
As most snowfalls in Nanaimo occur at night, the snow clearing teams begin as early as 2:00 am to ensure that all the campus roads, parking lots, walkways as well as the hundreds of steps get cleared of snow by 8:00 am. Crews may also be called in early to control heavy frosts by de-icing.

Snow Clearing Procedure

- * Snowplow operators clear roads and fire lanes, in preparation for the rest of the crew who shovel walks and stairs.
- * Parking lots are cleared in the following order:
 1. Lots I, J, K, and L are closed behind the security gates and will be opened after they are cleared.
 2. Sanding is done after all lots are cleared of snow.

- * Lot O, the student residences is not cleared by Malaspina personnel.
- * If you arrive on campus before your regular parking area is cleared, please use cleared lots first.
- * Cars may not be left on campus overnight. If a vehicle has been left and snow clearing is required, the vehicle may be towed to allow crews to clear the lot.

Nanaimo Campus



Common Questions

Q. Why is the ground not always bare after plowing and shoveling?

A. Our snowplows use metal 'shoes' to keep the metal blade just off the pavement. This ensures safety for the operators and reduces equipment damage when the plows go over manholes and other unforeseen obstacles. When foot and vehicular traffic has packed the snow to ice, plowing and shoveling cannot remove it. Powder snow does not fully plow off and tends to form a thin icy layer.

Q. Is salt used on campus?

A. Yes. We use a variety of products, of which salt is one. Salt cannot be used on concrete, so we use other de-icing chemicals, as well as sand. Temperature affects such chemicals; for example, salt is most effective at -6 degrees and warmer.

Q. Why is the campus closed sometimes, even though all lots and stairs are cleared?

A. Road and weather conditions in the city are monitored, and the decision to close is based on input from the RCMP, the City, the School District; weather reports, road safety to and from the campus is also considered. Many students drive long distances to get to classes at Malaspina.