By the Numbers: Snow Clearing & Ice Control

The City spends approximately $30 million to $40 million on snow removal and ice control annually, depending on weather conditions.

- **$30-40 million**
- **2.5 days** (or five 12-hour shifts)
- **300 pieces of heavy equipment**
- **1.7 million cubic feet**
- **3,000 km of sidewalks and pathways**
- **930 km of back lanes**

Crews will clear over 7,200 km of roadways during an all-out city-wide snow clearing operation.

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- **930 km of back lanes** during an all-out city-wide snow clearing operation.

- **100,000 litres of beet juice** is used each winter season for anti-icing operations.

- **SALT & SAND**
  - We use on average 26,000 tonnes of salt and 60,000 tonnes of sand each winter season to improve traction on roadways.

- **Spreaders will switch from salt to sand once the temperature falls to -7 degrees Celsius.**

- **We operate four snow disposal sites with a combined capacity of 1.7 million cubic feet.**

- **It takes approximately 2.5 days (or five 12-hour shifts) to clear all residential streets during a residential plowing operation, with crews working around the clock.**