

## **Home Adaptation & Maintenance Program:** **Snow Clearing**

**Service Description:** A community subsidized based program aiming to meet the needs of older adults through service coordination and contracted snow clearing. Provides peace of mind to the elderly client in knowing they are not burdened with this labour-intensive routine home maintenance task. Lowers the risk for falls, injuries, and unnecessary hospitalization. Offers respite to the caregiver by easing the burden of activities of daily living.

**Snow clearing service includes:**

Clearing of driveway, shoveling of walkways (driveway to door) for snowfalls of 2 inches (5 cm) or greater.

**Service Provider(s):** This program works with pre-approved service providers to provide snow clearing services to persons served.

**Persons Served:** Older adults and persons with age related conditions who want to remain in their own home safely.

- Eligibility:**
1. Homeowners, and tenants, if occupant is 55 years of age and resides in East Gwillimbury, Georgina, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and The Town of New Tecumseth (Tottenham, Beeton and Alliston), Newmarket, and City of Vaughan.
  2. Client is assessed as having difficulty with daily living activities due to loss brought on by aging.

- Limitations:**
1. Service provides snow clearing from main door to driveway area and main driveway to road.
  2. Frequency of service delivery during the season is determined by contracted service providers, and CHATS, based on Snow Clearing Agreement Contract.
  3. Snow clearing service is a seasonal service contract. Repeat subsidies for future seasons will be assessed at the time requested, based on need

**Program location(s):** Service is provided where the client resides.

**Availability:** Office services are available Monday- Friday 8:30 am until 4:30 pm and clearing service hours vary and are determined by snow fall.

**Frequency of Service:** November 15<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup> (five-month contract) – 2" of snow or more.

Note: No early morning plows available. **This program is not an Emergency Service.**

**Cost:** Subsidized services are based on the current fee structure of the client's income, using a sliding scale. Exceptional circumstances requiring reduced rates will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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**Referral Source(s):** Persons served, caregivers, other agencies/partners and service providers.

**Funded by:** Central Local Health Integration Network

**Stakeholders:** Persons served, caregivers, and service providers.