



What to expect during a snowfall



Resident Responsibility

Sidewalk Clean-up

Property owners must clear snow and ice from sidewalks within 18 hours of the snowfall. Failure to do so may result in fines and fees for removal service.

Mailboxes

Unfortunately, snow plowing operations can sometimes damage mailboxes. Do your part to minimize the chance your mailbox is damaged by ensuring it is installed to USPS standards and that it is in good repair.

Private Snow Removal

Please do not plow, shovel, or blow snow into the street. Doing this creates a hazard, slows down our response, and violates local ordinance.

Winter Restricted Parking

No on-street parking is allowed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when over 3 inches of snow has fallen. This parking restriction stays in effect for 48 hours or until plowing is completed. If possible, please avoid parking on the street during any kind of snow event. Parked vehicles slow down our response and impact the quality of the response.

Snow Emergencies

During more severe snow events the Mayor may declare a snow emergency. No parking is allowed on any City street, alley, or public parking lot at any time during a snow emergency.

City Responsibility

Preparation

We monitor road conditions and weather forecasts continuously so we can respond as soon as possible to winter weather. With help from the Police Department we can ensure 24 hour attention to pavement conditions.

Pre-treatment

Occasionally, we apply salt or other anti-icing chemicals before a storm starts. This helps prevent bonding of ice to the road and can buy time before hills and bridges become slick.

Removal Plan

In most cases, we start our response on high volume roads, such as marked highways or the downtown. We also prioritize access to critical facilities like hospitals and schools. After these areas are plowed we plow residential streets and alleys.

Downtown Removal

We remove snow from downtown curbs, corners, and public parking areas after heavy snowfalls, or when enough snow has accumulated. We notify late night business owners and post signage before the removal event.

