

WHEN IT SNOWS . . .

Less than 3", we sand, de-ice and clear sidewalks as needed.

More than 3", we plow, typically at nighttime for maximum efficiency. Sidewalks may be cleared during the daytime.

The timing of the start and duration of snow removal operations is dependent on the timing and severity of the storm.

PRIORITY OF STREETS FOR PLOWING

- 1 Main arterials that provide a minimum network connecting hospitals, police and fire stations.
- 2 Arterials and traffic collector streets, bus routes, around schools, and Main St. and school connection sidewalks.
- 3 All other significant traffic volume streets, known problem spots (intersections, hills, etc.), and east Woodside Blvd. sidewalks.
- 4 All remaining streets, including residential streets.

If a snow event is large or if storms come back-to-back, it takes the entire crew to keep priority 1, 2 and 3 routes open. Priority 4 routes may remain unplowed for quite some time.

RIGHT OF WAY AND SNOW EASEMENT

Repairing damage to mailboxes, landscaping or other items in the right of way is not the City's responsibility. Please help keep the right of way clear.

Most streets have a 10' snow easement (begins at the property line and goes 10' onto private property). In a big snow year, it's common for snow from plowing operations to be pushed onto and stored in this easement. This may create a large berm along your property boundary, and is a normal result with a large volume of snow.

SNOW REMOVAL QUESTIONS

788-9830 x1

The City has a high call volume during snow events, especially if the event is large. Your call is important, and your patience is appreciated.

During a storm, you may need to leave a message with your question or concern. Messages are retrieved several times throughout the day. Calls are returned in the order they are received, and as soon as possible.



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We live in snow country; please prepare for snow removal operations.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

There is no parking allowed in the City right of way (the area adjacent to the street in front of your property) from midnight to 7:00 a.m. from November 1st to May 1st. Illegally parked vehicles are the biggest obstacle to effective snow removal efforts, and they will be ticketed or towed without notice and at the owner's expense. Illegally parked vehicles can also be plowed in or damaged, a nuisance and a cost to the owner.



DRIVEWAYS

Clearing driveway openings is the responsibility of the property owner. During snowstorm plowing operations, plow blades cannot be lifted as they pass by a driveway, so snow will be plowed into driveways as we come down your street. You may wish to clear your driveway several times during the storm or wait until the storm and plowing activities have ended.

It is unlawful to plow, blow, shovel or throw snow onto the street (or any public way), or to bury traffic regulatory signs, when clearing driveways.



When the City grades, or "peels," the street during maintenance operations, we clear driveways of peeled material. This type of maintenance typically occurs *long after* snowstorm plowing operations. As loaders clear the peeled material, operators typically (though not always) push the pile to the downstream side of your driveway (the right side of your driveway as you face the street).

To avoid damage, graders and loaders will maintain a 5 to 6 foot clearance from obstacles which may be at the street end of your driveway (such as the rear end of a vehicle) or in the right of way. When this happens, less than optimum results are achieved. Park as far onto your property as possible and keep the right of way clear.

MAILBOXES

Keeping mailboxes clear of snow is the responsibility of the property owner. To minimize the potential for damage, mailboxes must be kept at least 8 feet from the edge of the street, and preferably on private property.

The City routinely uses the right of way for snow storage and snow removal operations. Any personal belongings left in the right of way, including mailboxes, can sustain damage. This damage is not the responsibility of the City.



If your mailbox is inaccessible for mail delivery, mail can be picked up at the Post Office.

SIDEWALKS

The City clears sidewalks with improved curb and gutter in the downtown commercial district and on the east side of Woodside Blvd. As resources permit, the City clears sidewalks on the west side of Woodside Blvd. (in a big winter, the west side may never be cleared). The group mailboxes and bus shelters on Woodside Boulevard are part of the sidewalk system and are cleared accordingly. If the group mailboxes are inaccessible for mail delivery, mail can be picked up at the Post Office.

TRASH AND RECYCLABLES

In this category, timing is everything, as trash service is rarely interrupted due to inclement weather. However, it's a good idea to keep trash cans and recycling containers out of the right of way during a snow event. These items, and any other items left in the right of way, are easily damaged by snow removal equipment. This damage is not the responsibility of the City.

SAFETY

EQUIPMENT: Take an alternate route when you see snow removal equipment on the street ahead of you. Passing, tailgating or cutting off this equipment is hazardous.



CHILDREN: Snow forts and snow caves can seem like fun, but they are dangerous when built in the right of way or next to the road. When snow builds up we push banks back. Visibility from inside a plow truck and around large banks of snow is limited.

GETTING AROUND: During a major storm, driving will be hazardous, and may become difficult or impossible on residential streets. Stay off the roadways if at all possible. Public transportation is an option; it's easy and affordable for a day or so until the storm passes and things settle down. See mountainrides.org or call 788-RIDE.



FIRE HYDRANTS: The Hailey Water Division clears snow from fire hydrants as a maintenance item. With more than 400 hydrants in Hailey, this task takes some time to complete. Property owner help in keeping hydrants clear of snow is appreciated. It is unlawful to plow, shovel or place snow within 25' of a hydrant on the street side of the hydrant.



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

We appreciate your support and assistance. We rely on citizens to do their part when it snows. We recognize it's a big job, and thank you for your efforts. Let's all have a safe and happy winter!

