



Snow and Ice Removal Procedures

Icy street conditions and/or snow fall will initiate mobilization of de-icing, sanding, and plowing equipment in accordance with the following priorities:

1. Main arterials, considered to be the minimum network, which must be kept open to provide a transportation system connecting hospitals, fire stations, police stations and emergency rescue units.
2. All remaining arterials, selected collectors, and bus routes.
3. Other arterials completing the network covering the major traffic volume streets and providing access to all schools.
4. All remaining streets, such as residential.

Please Be Patient...

The City is responsible for clearing 144 miles of road with limited staffing and equipment. The Street Division has 7 full-time employees available for around the clock snow removal operations. This means there are only 3-4 employees on a shift at one time. If snowfall or freezing rain resumes before we've gotten to your street, it probably means we've had to start over on Priority #1 streets again.

Snow and Ice Removal FAQs

When will you get to my road?

Every storm is different. Because of this, there is no set schedule for when plowing will occur. If we receive an advanced notice that snowfall may occur (wunderground.com or noaa.gov), we will prepare our equipment and begin plowing/de-icing as necessary.

Do we use Salt?

Yes and no. Our department runs a mix ratio of sand and salt, at approximately 3:1 (sand to salt). We are allowed a small allotment of salt each year, as WSDOT reserves the right to most of the salt during the winter months. We are able to stockpile approximately 70 tons (which does not go very far) and try to reserve it for our most dangerous hills and streets, and to help our first responders when they are in need.

Parking on the Street

We can clear the roadways faster and better when cars are not parked on the streets. If you have a driveway, **please use it!**

My driveway is blocked!

It is inevitable that driveways will be blocked during plowing operations. To reduce the amount of snow pushed into your driveway, please pile any snow that is shoveled from the driveway to the right side of the driveway opening (right side determined by standing in your driveway and looking towards the street).

We apologize for this inconvenience. Snow removal can be a monumental task with our limited equipment, and the street crews do their best to clear the roads around the clock. We will not return to clear your driveway.

How can I help?

Citizens can help by reporting potholes and icy intersections to the Public Works Department at **360-417-4800** or **publicworks@cityofpa.us**. If you reach our voicemail, please leave a message with the information. The supervisor will be monitoring these messages from the field.



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