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SNOW REMOVAL & SANDING POLICY

The City's approach to winter snow removal is designed to organize cost-effective snow plowing and ice control operations in order to provide adequate mobility during periods of snow and ice. The primary purpose of the plan is to focus snow and ice removal efforts so that safe travel routes are available for a majority of the public during winter weather events. Due to variability associated with each winter weather event, unique factors will influence when and what methods are utilized. The program includes prioritizing the City's street system, and parking lots for plowing and deicing operations.

The City's Snow Removal Route Map displays the priority of streets near your residence or business. Below outlines the general methodology utilized in snow plowing and snow removal:

1. During snowfall events, up to an accumulation of three inches (3") of snow, the City will place a sand and salt mixture on the streets as needed to control driving conditions.
2. Snowplow operations will generally begin with snowfall accumulations of greater than three inches (3"). This is dependent upon existing conditions as well as extended weather forecast such as periods of warming temperatures, severe cold, continued accumulation, rain, strong winds or blowing conditions, etc.
3. Snowplow operations will initially concentrate on those routes designated for Primary Snow Removal and the Emergency Snow Route. The snow will be plowed to the center of the street on the Emergency Snow Route and hauled away as soon as practicable. On the Primary Snow Removal routes the snow will generally be plowed to the side of the street.
4. Following snow removal on the primary routes and emergency route, crews will begin plowing the snow on the remaining streets. The snow will be plowed to the side of the street as close to the curb as possible.
5. During snow removal and sanding operations, personnel will be assigned to alternating twelve (12) hour shifts until the emergency situation has passed, at which time personnel will return to their normal eight (8) hour shifts.
6. Under extreme situations, private operators and equipment may be called upon for assistance as conditions warrant.