

# Public Works

## Snow Removal Overview



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### When Does Plowing Begin?

Snow plowing generally starts when three inches or more of snow has accumulated, or conditions such as drifting snow or ice are creating unsafe travel.

In severe conditions, crews may begin earlier to keep emergency routes passable

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### How Are Routes Prioritized?

1. Emergency routes and main arterials
2. School routes and major connectors
3. Residential streets
4. Alleys and parking areas
5. Downtown clean-up and snow hauling (as needed)

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### What Affects Timing?

- Snowfall rate and drifting
- Wind and visibility
- Street conditions and ice buildup
- Equipment availability and mechanical issues
- Staffing levels and operator safety

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### How Can Residents Help?

Please park vehicles off the roadway during snow events.

Avoid parking on priority routes when snow removal is underway.

Move vehicles as soon as possible after storms to allow curb-to-curb plowing