

Snow Removal

The following serves as a practical guide for the cost-effective removal of snow and ice in the City of Johnston.

Monitoring and Notification of Snow and Ice Events

During working hours, the observation of the public works crews or police may trigger the first crew response. During off duty hours police officers will alert the Public Works Director to initiate first crew response. As the need to add personnel arises, the Public Works Director may initiate additional personnel to be called out.

Priorities

In order to make the most efficient use of available resources it is necessary to establish priorities using the assumption that the severity of a storm is not beyond normal capabilities of the City's snow removal resources. Deviations will occur, for example storm severity may preclude all snow removal operations or seriously impede response or an emergency may require a different allocation of resources. The established priorities are:

1. Arterial Roadways
2. All remaining streets including cul-de-sacs
3. Parking lots and Sidewalks

Emergencies

Some of the foreseeable emergencies include:

- Immediate need for police, fire and rescue assistance. If city personnel are asked for assistance and must leave the public right-of-way to respond to an emergency, snow removal crews will provide necessary assistance; such as, opening a driveway or parking lot to give access to the emergency crews.
- Isolated problem areas where traction is urgently needed before all other areas are handled: NOTE: The police department may only advise of road conditions and shall not direct snow and ice operations of the public works department.
- Icing conditions where a waterline break has occurred.

Material Spreading

Conditions may warrant the application of sand or salt or a mixture thereof. Temperature conditions may also warrant the addition of liquid calcium chloride to any such mixture in order to obtain the desired action from the application of salt mixture. Application will follow the same priorities established for snow removal.

Materials will be applied on all priority streets in a manner to attempt to achieve bare pavement when possible. Other streets will have material spread only at intersections, hills, and curves. Materials on those streets may also only be applied at spot locations to allow tracking and clearing of the streets, rather than uniformly.

New Streets: New residential streets poured after July 1 will not receive any application of salt or a salt/calcium mixture the first winter.

Streets To Be Maintained By Polk County

NW 66th Avenue from River to NW Beaver Drive

NW Beaver Avenue from NW 66th Avenue to NW 70th Avenue

NW 70th Avenue from NW Beaver Drive to NW 100th Street

NW 86th Street from NW 70th Avenue to Dead End.

Driveway - Private Property Plowing

City snowplows will not clear private driveways, private property, such as parking lots, except in an emergency as discussed previously.

Snow placed in a driveway or on sidewalks where the driveway or sidewalk meets the street by City plow is the responsibility of the property owner to remove. Snow may not be pushed into or across the street from private property. Any person violating this shall be fined \$25 for the first violation and \$50 for each subsequent violation.

Complaints

The Public Works Director will investigate each complaint and when necessary, will dispatch a crew to resolve the problem. Please call 278-0822.