

City of Spearfish Snow Information and Advisory Guide 2009-2010



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Priority 1: Emergency Routes

Streets designated as snow emergency routes are given Priority One designation as they provide a network system for emergency services operations.

Priority 2: Major Arterial and School Bus Routes

Streets designated as major arterial and school routes are given Priority Two designations as they provide a network connection for students, parents, teachers and school bus operations.

Priority 3: Residential Routes

Streets designated as Residential Routes are given Priority Three designations as they provide a network connection to all residential areas and complete the street network and grid system.

The Department of Public Works Action Plan

Storms under 3 inches

1. Patrol at the start of the storm.
2. Salt bridges, intersections and elevated roadways as needed.
3. Full-scale salt of all major City roads (arterial roads connecting subdivisions or business district) and primary neighborhood streets (main collector streets through subdivision).

Storms 3 inches and greater

1. Plow all major City roads.
2. Plow all primary residential neighborhood streets and all other residential streets.
3. Spot sand hills and intersections on residential streets.

This plan's goal is to ensure that Emergency, Major Arterial and School Bus Routes are cleared as soon as possible. Residential streets cannot receive the same level of treatment, but will be plowed and sanded and/or salted where necessary.

Winter Weather Operations - Salting and Snow Removal

Salting and Sanding

Sand/salt trucks are dispatched at the start of a snowfall and at the first sign of roads beginning to ice. Streets with the greatest volume of traffic, called Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes, are salted or sanded first.

Plowing Policy

Plowing generally begins when snow becomes 3 or more inches deep and the forecast indicates that there will be no melting. However, when the snow depth is 3 inches or less and sun is expected to melt it in 24 to 48 hours, the City lets the sun do the work. Snow that has been hard packed by traffic often remains on the street, where the City plows are unable to remove it completely. In this situation, a mixture of sand and salt is spread to provide adequate traction and melting.

Emergency, major arterial and school bus routes are cleared first to ensure that emergency service vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances can safely travel to hospitals and schools and get to public transportation systems during or immediately after a snow fall.

After the emergency and school roads are cleared, crews concentrate on clearing snow and sanding and/or salting neighborhood streets.

The type of snow (wet or powdery), the temperature, and wind conditions following a storm can alter this schedule.

Please note all storm fighting plans vary by storm due to changing conditions, such as weather patterns, additional storms and conditions. Operations will proceed in an effort to meet all objectives laid out in this plan but operational factors may change delivery options.

Residential Information to Remove Snow and Ice From Sidewalks

- A law passed by City Council requires that all residential and commercial property owners to clear their public sidewalks within 24 hours following a snow-storm.
- Clear snow around your mailbox. The US Post Office requires that the street in front of mailboxes be cleared or they may not deliver mail.
- Clearing driveways and entrances is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Do not plow, shovel or blow snow back onto public streets.

Parked Vehicles

Parked vehicles are required to be removed from streets whenever snow starts to fall. Any vehicles parked on streets when plowing begins will be ticketed and/ or towed without notice.

Weather-Related Closures and Cancellations

The City of Spearfish will use two types of warnings during inclement weather for travel warnings: local media and/or tune to the emergency broadcast system.

No Travel Allowed – means **NO TRAVEL**, any vehicle that is traveling during a NO TRAVEL ALLOWED will be ticketed.

No Travel Advisory - This indicates that travel is possible but not advised vehicles that interfere with snow removal operators will be ticketed..

City-Owned Facilities

During inclement weather, every effort is made to ensure that City-owned facilities remain open for as long as is safely possible. However, on rare occasions severe weather may necessitate the closure of City facilities. If you plan to visit a City facility during a snow-storm, you may also wish to call ahead to confirm the facility is open. For your convenience, frequently-dialed phone numbers are listed below. For information about snow removal and winter road maintenance, please visit the City's website snow removal web page.

- City Public Works Department 605-642-1333
- City Finance 605-642-1325
- City Utility Billing 605-642-1327
- Grace Balloch Memorial Library 605-642-1330
- Recreation Center 605-722-1430

City Sidewalk Operation

City crews work to complete snow removal on sidewalks at:





- City owned properties
- Sidewalks adjacent to public parking lots
- Recreation Trail System

Plowing of trails and sidewalks will be performed by the Parks Department utilizing equipment designed for walkway plowing operations.

It is the goal of the program to clear the walkways and recreational trail systems in a timely manner.

CITY OF SPEARFISH SNOW AND ICE PRIORITY MAP 2009-2010



- LEGEND:**
-  PRIORITY 1 - SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES
 -  PRIORITY 2 - MAJOR ARTERIAL AND SCHOOL BUS ROUTES
 -  PRIORITY 3 - RESIDENTIAL ROUTES
 -  CITY OF SPEARFISH CITY LIMITS

