

Please remember the following:

- Remove vehicles from the streets during plowing operations.
- Remove basketball hoops from roadways for the season.
- Place garbage cans in driveways during plowing operations.
- Plow crews will not clear snow and ice away from mailboxes.
- Please trim your trees. Overhanging trees prevent the plows from getting close to the curbs.
- Sidewalks adjacent to properties should be cleared by the property owners.
- Obstacles in the right of way may prevent plow operators from clearing the street, in which case it may be revisited during cleanup operations, in order of priority.
- Depending on snow conditions, the snow gates may only reduce the berm.

NEW FOR 2020 – Neighborhood Volunteers

This year we will generate a list of people who will volunteer to help their neighbors in need shovel their driveways, sidewalks, etc. If volunteering is something that you would be interested in, please sign up on our website or call 208-773-1722. The list will be made available via our website or in-person at City Hall.

Ordinances

The following ordinances apply to plowing snow into the streets and parking:

Municipal Code 10.48.010:

It is unlawful for any operator of snow removal equipment or the owner of any land upon which snow removal equipment is operated to place or otherwise permit, sanction, approve or cause the placement of any fallen snow onto public property or rights of way upon its removal from privately owned lands. (Ord. 1020 § 31, 2003; Ord. 696 § 1, 1993)

Municipal Code 10.20.050:

No vehicle, including major recreational vehicles or equipment, shall be parked continuously at the same location or combination of locations within the same block on any public street or public alley in the city for more than twenty-four (24) hours. For the purpose of this chapter, "major recreational vehicles and equipment" are defined as including, but not limited to, boats and boat trailers, pickup campers or coaches (designed to be mounted on automotive vehicles), motorized dwellings, and tent trailers. (Ord. 1201, 2010)

More Information

This is just a quick overview of our snow plan operations. To view the full plan and map, please visit our website at www.postfallsidaho.org.



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HELP US HELP YOU!

Contact Information:

Phone: 208-773-1722

Email: snow@postfallsidaho.org

Website: www.postfallsidaho.org

Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Route Descriptions

Quadrant and Areas

The City has been divided into Priority 1 and 2 routes and into quadrants, which is Priority 3 roads. Each quadrant is broken into areas. Priority 3 areas will be plowed sequentially, one area after the next. During each plow event, crews will follow the same order when progressing from one area to the next so that staff and citizens are more able to predict when crews will be in a particular area.

Priority 1 Streets

Priority 1 streets generally consist of major and minor Arterial road classifications greater than two lanes wide. To ensure these roads are cleared as quickly as possible, snow-gates may only be utilized for residential driveways.

Priority 2 Streets

Priority 2 streets generally consist of Collectors and other roads accessing schools, medical facilities, public facilities, etc. Plow operations along these routes will generally include the use of snow-gates to minimize berms placed in approaches and driveways.

Priority 3 Streets

These generally consist of all other roads within the City, including cul-de-sacs.

Operations Plan

Priority Operations

This condition begins when 2" of snow accumulates on Priority 1 routes. Under Priority Operations, all Priority 1 and 2 routes will be plowed.

During Priority operations crew will plow the Priority 1 routes and then Priority 2 routes. For Priority 2 routes, crews will begin in the center of the City and plow toward the outskirts. Under Priority Operations, Priority 3 routes will not be plowed.

Full Snow Operations

This occurs when 4" of snow accumulates on Priority 3 routes. Under this condition, all roads within the City will be plowed.

During this time Priority 1 and 2 routes will be plowed first. Upon completion, crews will move into Priority 3 areas. At the beginning and middle of each shift, conditions will be re-evaluated on Priority 1 and 2 routes. If conditions for Priority Operations are met again (e.g. more snow has fallen), the Priority 1 and 2 routes will be plowed again following the completion of the area in which each team is operating. Plowing Priority 3 routes will then resume in the next area of each quadrant.

Operations Plan

Clean Up Operations

This condition occurs when all roads have been cleared and neither Priority nor Full Snow Operations are needed, but there are snow berms, snow floor, ice, or other conditions that require attention in specific areas of the city.

During other operations, a cleanup list will be developed. Generally, the highest priority routes will be addressed first. This may involve re-plowing of areas previously unable to be plowed (due to parked cars for example), pushing back snow banks, removal of snow/ice floor, hauling off snow from congested areas, or other needed activities.

Snow Gate Approach

Gates will be used as stated in the Priority Routes section. If gates cannot be used due to heavy snowfall, Priority 2 and 3 streets will be plowed without the use of snow-gates.

Operators will attempt to avoid creating berms in driveways. They are not able to avoid berms in front of mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc. It is up to the citizens to keep those areas cleared.