

# City of Spearfish Snow Information and Advisory Guide



## City Of Spearfish

Snow Removal Department  
625 Fifth Street  
Spearfish, SD 57783

Phone: 605-642-1333, ext. 1  
Website: cityofspearfish.com

### Priority 1: Emergency Routes

Streets designated as snow emergency routes are given Priority 1 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 2 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 3 designation.

## The Department of Public Works Action Plan

### **Snow Events under 3 inches**

1. Patrol at the start of the event.
2. Apply deicing agent to bridges, intersections, and roadways as needed.
3. Plow Priority Routes as needed.

### **Snow Events 3 - 6 inches**

1. Initiated Measure adjustments in effect.
2. Plow Priority Routes first.
3. Plow residential routes upon completion of Priority Routes.
4. Apply deicing agent as needed.

### **Snow Emergency Events**

1. Snow Emergency Events may be declared by the City taking into consideration wind, moisture content of snow, and depth of snow. Initiated Measure adjustments would not be in effect.

## Winter Weather Operations

Providing safe travel on emergency, major arterial, and school routes will be the primary goal. Residential streets will be addressed in a timely manner after all Priority Routes are completed. The City and its contractors will not plow snow from private property. Alleys are not plowed during any event. Access for garbage collection is directed by the City Solid Waste Division. The amount of snow and conditions during each event will determine the amount of time and level of service. City crews will continue to clean and improve street access and travel conditions after events have ended and only after winter operations have been completed on all three routes.

## Additional Areas Plowed

- All City owned buildings and sidewalks adjacent to City properties
- City Parking lots
- Recreation trail system
- Well houses and lift stations

Plowing of these areas utilizes equipment designed for walkways and small areas. Timely plowing of these areas is necessary to provide access to infrastructure and buildings as well as to reduce the City's liability. Plowing and/or deicing may be initiated at these locations during all events and will coincide with street operations.

## Snow Removal - Do's and Don'ts

- Clear sidewalks adjacent to your property from ice, snow, and obstructions within 24 hours of a snow event.
- Clear snow around mailbox approaches.
- Try to time your snow removal after plows have passed.
- Keep fire hydrants accessible adjacent to your property.
- Do not interfere or obstruct snow removal operations.
- Do not park on the streets of Priority Routes during snowfall.
- Do not park on the street of a residential route during snow events over 3 inches.
- Do not place snow on public streets, Ord. 14-39. Violation subject to fine.
- Do not create a windrow or pile of snow on the right-of-way/boulevard over 3 feet in height.
- Do not drive through windrows placed in the middle of the street.

## Parked Vehicles

Parked vehicles are required to be removed from Priority Routes 1 and 2 during any snowfall and all other streets with an accumulation of 3 inches of snow or if plowing has commenced. Vehicles remaining in violation are subject to ticketing and/or towing. Vehicles may be temporarily parked on the boulevard during removal of snow from your street.

## 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 snowstorm, you may 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 call the Snow Removal Department, 642-1333, ext. 1.

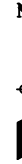
- City Public Works Department 605-642-1333
- City Finance 605-642-1325
- Grace Balloch Memorial Library 605-642-1330
- City Recreation Center 605-722-1430
- City Police Department 605-642-1300

Contractors - To obtain a list of contractors that remove snow from private property, please call the Public Works Department at 605-642-1333.





## Deicing

Enhanced deicer agent is applied at manufacturer's recommended rate as needed to streets. The agent used is less corrosive than regular salt, is green in color making it more visually prominent, is environmentally friendly, and melts ice faster and at lower temperatures than salt. Frequency and timing of application will be determined by travel conditions, duration of an event, drifting, and blowing snow.

# CITY OF SPEARFISH SNOW AND ICE PRIORITY MAP 2012



## LEGEND:

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

The City of Spearfish Snow Removal Department plows snow on 81.69 miles of road way.

