

PRIORITY 1: EMERGENCY ROUTES

Streets assigned as snow emergency routes are given Priority 1 designation as they provide a network system for emergency services operations.

PRIORITY 2: MAJOR ARTERIAL/SCHOOL ACCESS ZONES

Streets assigned as major arterial and school access zones are given Priority 2 designation as they provide a network for major transportation routes and access for students, parents, teachers, and school bus operations.

PRIORITY 3: RESIDENTIAL ROUTES

All other streets and residential routes are assigned a Priority 3 designation.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ACTION PLAN

Snow Events under 3 inches:

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

Snow Events greater than 3 inches:

1. Plow Priority 1 & 2 Routes first.
2. Plow Priority 3 Routes upon completion of Priority 1 & 2 Routes.
3. Remove driveway windrows created as a result of street cleaning. (Only windrow will be removed. Entire cleaning of private driveway will not occur.)
4. Apply deicing agent as needed.

Snow Emergency Events:

1. Snow Emergency Events may be declared by the City taking into consideration climatic conditions, moisture content of snow, and depth of snow.
2. Generally, snowfalls of 12 inches or greater constitute a Snow Emergency. However, certain conditions may prompt a declaration at lesser amounts of snow.
3. Clearing of driveway windrows will not occur during a Snow Emergency Event.

DEICING

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

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 1 & 2 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 time required to remove snow and the degree to which streets are plowed. City crews may continue to clean and improve street access and travel conditions 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

- * Clear sidewalks adjacent to your property from ice, snow, and obstructions as soon as possible (generally within 24 hours) after the end 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.

SNOW REMOVAL DO NOT'S

- * Interfere or obstruct snow removal operations.
- * Park on the streets of Priority 1 & 2 Routes during snowfall.
- * Park on the street during snow removal operations.
- * Place snow on public boulevards or public streets.
- * Drive through windrows placed in the middle of the street.

Violations subject to a fine.

PARKED VEHICLES

Parked vehicles are required to be removed from Priority 1 & 2 Routes during any snowfall. Vehicles must be removed from Priority 3 Routes during snow removal operations. Vehicles may be temporarily parked on the boulevard during removal of snow from your street. Vehicles remaining in violation are subject to ticketing and/or towing.

WEATHER-RELATED CLOSURES & CANCELLATIONS

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

1. No Travel Allowed - Means NO TRAVEL!

Any vehicle that is traveling during a NO TRAVEL ALLOWED notice will be ticketed.

2. No Travel Advisory - This indicates that travel is possible but not advised. Vehicles that interfere with snow removal operations may 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 Public Works Department.

- Administration: 642-1354
- Public Works Dept: 642-1333
- Building & Development Dept: 642-1335
- Finance & Utility Billing: 642-1325
- Police Dept: 642-1305
- Grace Balloch Memorial Library: 642-1330
- Recreation Center: 722-1430
- Fire Dept: 642-1313

SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTORS

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

Private contractors may not place snow from private property on city streets or public right-of-ways.

