

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LOVELAND

Snow-covered streets will be plowed and salted according to established priorities that are based on traffic volume, public safety and access to emergency facilities and schools. During major snowstorms, crews will plow and salt continuously prior to high volume traffic hours. Depending on the type and intensity of the storm, plowing operations may be suspended during peak traffic hours to devote maximum effort to salting operations that provide better traction. Plowing operations will resume after peak traffic hours.

"Priority One" routes are plowed first. Crews will then proceed to streets identified as "Priority two" routes. Local streets are plowed after Priority One and Two streets are passable. During the most severe storms, it can take up to 24 hours before all streets are cleaned. During light snowfall, equipment is sent out to spot-salt icy areas, steep grades and intersections.

If conditions require (temperature, snowfall, intensity, etc.) the City will treat with liquid deicer, which is primarily used on Priority One routes, in and around schools and on hills.

Major factors affecting the efficiency of snow removal procedures are storm intensity, duration, accumulation, time of day, temperature and traffic conditions. To help our crews perform in a safe and efficient manner, vehicles abandoned during severe weather may be towed under Parking Regulation 76.08 (Code of Ordinances).

PRIORITY LEVELS

Level 1 - Includes hills and high volume main streets. Work continues at this level until it is completed, however long it takes.

Level 2 - Includes connector streets that were not already covered in Level 1. This level includes streets that, while they are not "main" streets, they line up to main streets and provide access to schools. Work continues at this level until it is completed.

Level 3 - Treatment of the remaining streets, including cul-de-sacs.

WHEN DOES PLOWING START?

Public Works begins plowing when there are two inches of snow on the street. The plows begin working on the streets following the priority system as described above.

WHAT EQUIPMENT IS USED TO CLEAR THE SNOW?

The vehicle fleet consists of four (4) dump trucks and one (1) pick up truck, all equipped with front plows. The dump trucks have salter/sander attachments in the rear along with liquid deicer equipment. When a storm is predicted, the four trucks are loaded with salt and parked in the City's heated garage, ready for the snow.

HOW DO WE RESPOND?

The Public Works Supervisors follow the developing weather throughout the winter and acquire required work crew personnel and equipment to respond when snow and ice storms occur during regular working hours. The Loveland Police Department monitors road conditions from their vehicles after normal working hours and notifies appropriate Public Works personnel to respond to hazardous driving conditions when snow or freezing rain being to fall, or freezing occurs on the roadways. The Loveland Police Department and the Northeast Communications Center have an emergency call out list that determines the personnel to call and in what priority. The Public Works Department has access to radios and a cable television station that monitors weather

conditions 24-hours a day. Once notified of the weather emergency, dispatched crews report to the Public Works building to begin working on the situation.