



SNOW REMOVAL PLAN

Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Street Department is to construct, repair, and maintain a safe, reliable, and efficient roadway system within the City. This is not just limited to the 163 miles of hard surface and gravel streets but includes alleys, our stormwater system, and the installation and maintenance of traffic control and informational signs.

Highways & Emergency Snow Routes

The first objective is to keep all highways and emergency snow routes open regardless of the duration or intensity of the storm. Highways and emergency routes are plowed first and then treated with a salt, gravel, or salt/gravel mix. All emergency snow routes are identified by signs. When weather conditions dictate the City Administrator may declare a snow emergency, which prohibits the parking of vehicles on emergency snow routes. The purpose of declaring a snow emergency is to assist the Street Department in their snow plowing operation. When a snow emergency is declared, the City Administrator shall state the date and time that the emergency shall remain in effect. A declaration of a snow emergency will be disseminated through the City's social media, the local radio station, and if feasible the local newspaper.

Priority Routes

Priority routes are treated similar to emergency routes with the only exception being if a snow emergency is declared, parking is allowed on priority routes.

Downtown District

Any snowfall under one inch (1") that falls through the downtown district is treated and allowed to melt in place. If conditions worsen, all snow is plowed into snow ridges down the center of the street. This snow is allowed to remain in ridges for at least twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of snow removal operations to allow downtown property owners time to clear their sidewalks. Alleys and City owned parking lots are also cleared at this time. Snow ridges are then blown into dump trucks and hauled away over midnight hours.

Residential Streets

Residential streets are only plowed when more than two inches (2") of snow has fallen across the entire City. These routes are only cleared after emergency and priority routes are clear of snow and ice. During the clearing of residential streets, if conditions deteriorate on emergency or priority routes, focus will be shifted back to those routes. Residential streets are not treated with salt. Residential alleys are plowed at the discretion of the City Street Superintendent.

Pre-Storm De-icing Treatments

Determined by the type of expected precipitation, the Street Department may apply a de-icing liquid to emergency and priority routes throughout the City. This liquid helps prevent the bonding of snow and ice to the roadway. All rock salt is also treated with the de-icing liquid before it is used.

Winter Reminders

Beatrice City code requires all sidewalks be cleared of snow within twenty-four (24) hours following every snow.

Beatrice City code prohibits shoveling or plowing of snow off of private properties into alleys or city streets.