



Snow Removal Policy

Hyde Park City's Public Works Department has a goal to provide safe and clear roadways as soon as possible after a snowstorm. This policy addresses frequently asked questions and problems we encounter. Please read it to see what you can do to help yourself and our crew each winter.

Roads that we do not maintain:

We do not plow private roads, County roads or roadways owned by the State of Utah (Highway 91).

To contact [UDOT](#) call: (435) 752-5377

To contact the [Cache County Road Department](#) call: (435) 755-1560

Priorities

City snowplows are not deployed unless more than 2 inches of snow has accumulated on the roads or if there is a major safety concern. When they are deployed, they follow prioritized routes. All city streets have been categorized according to priority as follows.

1. Arterial roads and major collectors such as Center Street, 600 S (3100 N), and 400 E
2. Subdivision streets, and smaller through streets
3. Cul-de-sacs, other dead-end streets, and parking lots

During major storms, only the highest priority roads will be maintained until the storm subsides and crews can move onto other priority roads.

Salt Storage

The City has a large salt storage area that is kept well-stocked, but still has a limited capacity. Salting operations to meet the demands of a major storm could consume this entire volume. Due to limited salt storage and delivery capacities, when more snow is predicted, salting may be reserved for higher priority roads.

Cul-de-sacs

The low volume of traffic in cul-de-sacs means they are lower priority. Cul-de-sacs have limited space, so they are plowed with a smaller truck. Limited space also means that if there are vehicles parked on the street, the cul-de-sac might not be plowed because the equipment cannot effectively maneuver through the area. Due to the limited space to pile snow, it will end up on everyone's park strip.

Public Relations

Since snowplow operators are already trained to follow priorities set in the policies and procedures, it would be detrimental to the whole to respond to individual complainants before the priority roads are addressed. City staff will record all requests for service and forward the requests to public works for review and response.

Street Closures

If storm conditions warrant, the North Park Police Department, Smithfield Fire Department or Public Works Director may close streets for safety reasons. When streets are closed, vehicles are not to go around barricades. This could cause harm to people or property. We are aware this may inconvenience the public. However, due to storms of such magnitude that they are beyond our resources' capabilities, such closures may be required.

Be aware of our equipment

A loaded snowplow weighs as much as 10 small cars. They need more room to stop, especially during storms. Even if you have the right of way, the plow might not be able to stop if you pull out in front of them. Please wait a few more seconds and let the plow pass before proceeding (you will have a nice, plowed surface to drive on, too). Do not allow children to play near the street while plows are out. Be sure to allow at least 50 feet between you and the plow so that your vehicle is not damaged by flying material, nor impede the application of salt. Do not follow a plow uphill because they may slide back down the hill. Wait until you see it reach the top, then proceed. Do not build snow forts near the street because a snowplow can cause the fort to collapse.

Vehicles and garbage cans in the road

Cars and garbage cans are the #1 obstacle for snowplow operators. It is against Hyde Park City Ordinance [11.40.050](#) to park any vehicle on any street or city owned parking lot between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1. It is the local resident's responsibility to inform out-of-town guests about parking regulations. Please do not put your garbage and recycling cans out until the morning of your collection day and remove them from the street that evening. Keeping the road clear of vehicles and garbage cans will help our operators clear the entire roadway, which is crucial in preventing snow and ice buildup.

Sidewalks

Hyde Park City ordinance [11.30.280](#) requires residents and business owners to maintain and clear the sidewalk in front of their property. Please keep the sidewalk in front of your property free of snow and ice.

Do not push or throw snow onto the road

It is against Hyde Park City ordinance [11.30.290](#) to throw or push snow into the street with a snow blower, 4-wheeler, shovel, or any other means. This creates dangerous bumps in the road that can turn into ice, causing accidents and property damage for citizens and snowplow operators. It is also against the law to throw things at snowplows.

Note to Contractors

Contractors plowing parking lots for schools, churches, businesses etc., need to be aware that the snow from that area must stay on that property. Do not push snow out into the road or onto someone else's property. Contractors must have a business license.

The bottom line

The bottom line is that we do the best job we can to provide clear and safe driving conditions for citizens. Every storm is different, but our goal for each one is to provide timely and effective service. With your cooperation, we can make winter snow removal a success.