

Winter operations: City employees and residents working together

Objectives

- To reduce the hazards of icy conditions for motorists and pedestrians
- To facilitate the handling of emergencies by fire and police officials
- To maintain safe, passable school bus and winter recreation routes
- To minimize the amount of damage to streets and property caused by city equipment
- To reduce economic losses to the community and local industry caused by workers and customers unable to get to their intended locations

To achieve our winter objectives, we need your help!

Snow and ice removal is a time-consuming and dangerous job. To do it safely and efficiently, we need the cooperation and assistance of our residents. You can help by following these simple guidelines:

- ✓ DO drive carefully, even when streets look dry.
- ✓ DO have patience; plowing and salting takes time.
- ✓ DO leave 75 feet between your vehicle and a snow plow in front of you. If you can't see the plow driver's face in his/her side mirror, he/she cannot see you behind the truck.
- ✓ DON'T park your car on the street after a snow accumulation of two (2) inches or more until the streets are plowed curb to curb.
- ✓ DON'T park your car on the street any day between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., regardless of the weather. This restriction is in effect from Nov. 1st through April 1st each year.
- ✓ DON'T throw snow from your driveway into the street or sidewalk.
- ✓ DON'T place garbage cans, recycling bins, basketball hoops, or hockey nets in the right-of-way. They need to be **at least four (4) feet behind** the edge of the curb.

What's plowed in Rosemount?

Total roads	263 lane-miles
First priority	110 lane-miles
Second priority	153 lane-miles
Cul-de-sacs	158 total
Trails and sidewalks	37 miles
Parking lots	29 total
City Hall, Public Works, 2 Fire Stations, 3 parks (Bloomfield, Schwarz, Jaycee), 4 water towers, 8 wells, 9 lift stations, Park & Ride lot on TH3	

What resources are used?

Employees	17
Plow trucks with salt	7
Front-end loader	1
Grader	1
Pickup trucks with plows	6
Tractors with snow blowers	2



One of 7 plow trucks



Sidewalk plow

Interesting facts

- A typical snowfall takes an average of 120 staff-hours to clear
- It takes approximately 40 staff-hours to clear the sidewalks and trails after each snowfall
- Clearing snow from the sidewalks in the downtown area takes approximately 80 staff-hours and occurs several times throughout the winter
- Approximately 15,000 gallons of fuel and 2.5 million pounds of salt are consumed in an average winter in order to keep our streets, sidewalks, trails and parking lots clear.

Plowing in cul-de-sacs

In response to numerous challenges with the plowing and storage of snow in cul-de-sacs, snow will be plowed to the **center** of the cul-de-sac for the majority of the urban cul-de-sacs. This is an effort to minimize the amount of snow deposited onto boulevards and driveways.

The City shall not be held responsible for damage to personal property or injury resulting from negligence in driving around or climbing on the snow storage piles in cul-de-sacs. Motorist and snow plow operators' visibility can be limited when driving and plowing in cul-de-sacs. To ensure everyone's safety, children should never play on snow piles or snow banks in cul-de-sacs.

If you have a sidewalk or trail abutting your property . . .

According to City ordinance, removal of snow and ice from trails and sidewalks shall be the responsibility of the abutting property owners or occupants. Sidewalks and trails must be cleared within 48 hours after the snow or ice has accumulated. The City shall maintain only those sidewalks and trails identified in the Public Works Quality Standards, which can be viewed at www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/qualitystandards.

If your property is damaged by a plow truck . . .

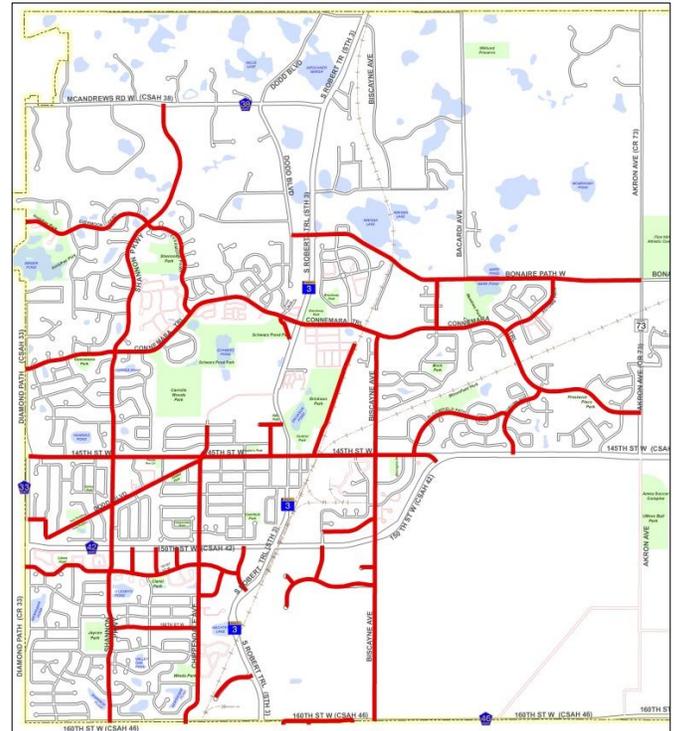
The City will repair sod and mailboxes that have been damaged by direct impact with a snowplow. However, the City is **not** responsible for mailboxes that are knocked over by snow rolling off the plow, or for damage to sprinkler heads installed in the right-of-way. Please keep garbage and recycling bins **at least four (4) feet behind** the curb to avoid potential damage from a plow.

Property owners can minimize plowing damage to their yards by using stakes to mark the edge of their property to give plow drivers a guide. This is especially helpful if you live on a curve. Stakes can be picked up free of charge at the Public Works Garage, 14425 Brazil Avenue, weekdays between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. through November.

How is plowing prioritized?

1. Streets or lots defined by the City as Priority Plow Routes (see map below). Generally, these streets include main collector streets and high-volume thoroughfares.
2. Streets providing access to schools and commercial businesses
3. Low volume residential streets
4. City parking lots
5. Sidewalks, trails, ice rinks

Priority plow routes indicated in red



Priority routes also include Pine Bend Trail, 140th Street East, and Conley Avenue in eastern Rosemount.

Public Works Operations Hours:

7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Monday through Friday

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