

PROPOSED SNOW POLICY

It is the Fulton Street Department's main responsibility to clear and treat the Fulton streets throughout the winter. During this time, the street department, in concert with the city's emergency response 24-7 staff (police, fire, and utilities), will continuously monitor the existing road conditions, present weather, and weather forecast to provide, to the best of its abilities, the appropriate workforce for the circumstance. To accomplish this task after normal working hours (M-F, 7:30 to 4:00), the street department places a member of its staff "on-call". The "on-call" personnel's job is to utilize the city's emergency response staff to help him/her assess and respond to actively developing winter conditions.

If slippery weather appears imminent and conditions allow, the city's bridges, intersections, and known trouble spots located on its most traveled roadways and in emergency response areas will be pre-treated and monitored. As the City begins to experience snow or icy weather, the Street Department's best judgment will be used to determine the work force, equipment, and material needed to combat the present and forecasted conditions. The Street Department's Snow Removal Supervisor can be engaged at all times by the "on-call" representative or emergency response staff.

Generally speaking, the street department's full capability will be employed when at least 2" of snow is forecasted or falls. However, the street department has the authority to accelerate its efforts to this point at any time as conditions dictate. If sensible, the Snow Removal Crew Supervisor may suspend night time operations and report early in the morning to remove snow before traffic is active.

Presently, the street department's full capability consists of the man power to operate 3 dump trucks and 4 normal sized trucks equipped with salt/cinder spreaders and plows along with 2 backhoes and 1-wheel loader. The street department coordinates with city utilities and fleet maintenance staff for further aid when necessary.

When battling the snow and ice, the Street Department progresses through streets in the following order:

- Emergency Snow Routes
- Normal Snow Routes
- Local Roads
- Access Roads

Streets highest on this list along with important emergency response areas (Hospital, Ambulance, Fire and Police Stations, Wrecker) receive the most attention and may be addressed multiple times by the street department before the department proceeds to the next level. Maps showing these functional classifications can be viewed by following these links:

- [Emergency Snow Routes](#)
- [Normal Snow Routes](#)
- [Local and Access Roads](#)

When practical, the snow removal crews will practice right hand turn movements to avoid cross-pushing of snow. Any damage done to private property by the snow and not direct contact with city removal equipment will not be assessed to the City, and the City will not be responsible for repairs.

Under heavy snow fall conditions, the City snow removal crews will strive to have every roadway opened to one (1) lane of traffic within forty-eight (48) hours after the snowfall has subsided. The crews will continue to remove the snow to the ditch line or back of curb, to the best of its ability, within seventy-two (72) hours after snowfall has subsided. Additionally, crews will also be dispatched to clear off snow on Elton Hensley Airport and city owned parking lots within this same seventy-two (72) hour period.

During these conditions, city forces need the help of the capable citizens of Fulton. Cars parked on the street, when possible, need to be cleared out by the citizens. If citizens can free the cars, city plows can clear the snow from the street parking areas. To accommodate this action, signed street no parking areas will not be enforced during this period. Citizens should coordinate parking with their neighbors to best help the city make the greatest impact. When feasible, if the day of the month is odd, park along the side of the street with the odd number houses. If the day of the month is even, park along the side of the street with even number houses.

The Mayor can declare an Emergency Snow Event. Upon declaration No-Parking will be enforced on either side of Emergency Snow Routes until the Mayor declares the emergency over. Cars left parked along these designated routes are subject to being towed at the car owner's expense.