

Snow Removal FAQ

How does the City decide which streets are plowed first?

The most heavily traveled roads are plowed first. These roads are the main collector streets and provide access to neighborhoods. The next priority is the connecting streets within neighborhoods. Streets with steep hills are the next priority. All other streets fall into the residential classification. These streets are predominantly flat and easily negotiated during light snow storms. Streets receive de-icing treatment for each event, on an as-needed basis. The residential streets are plowed when snow accumulation on the road exceeds two inches.

Why do the City snow plows push snow into my driveway and who is responsible for clearing it?

During normal snow plowing operations, snow will be left in your driveway. Plows are angled to the right for plowing from the centerline of the street to the curb. Due to the design of plows, it should be expected that snow will be deposited in driveways. This is unavoidable if snow is to be cleaned from the street. Snow left in driveways by the city from plowing is the residents' and owners' responsibility to remove.

I just shoveled my driveway. Why did the city snow plow push snow back into it?

When plowing, the snow may end up in the driveway you just shoveled. We apologize for the inconvenience this causes you. If your schedule permits, you may want to wait and clear your driveway after city plows have passed through your street. If it is a significant snowfall, the snowplows will probably be back and make a second pass. Streets are typically opened with one pass through, so that streets can be made passable for drivers as soon as practical. Snowplows usually return to open the street curb-to-curb.

SNOW REMOVAL TIP... If your driveway is cleared before the street is completed, clear the area to the right of your driveway (when facing the house). When the plow comes by the snow will dump in this clear area, minimizing the amount left in your driveway.

Can snow from my driveway be blown into the street?

Snow may not be pushed or blown into or across the street from private property. The piles and ridges left behind can create hazards for motorists and plow drivers. If you hire a private service to clear your driveway or parking lot, let the contractor know doing so is a misdemeanor under ***MN Statutes 160.2715 and 169.42*** and punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 dollars.

What if landscaping or irrigation in the right-of-way is damaged? Remember that the first few feet of your front yard is public right-of-way and for the use of the city. In winter, it is intended for use by the city for snow storage. You are advised to not to landscape these first few feet with rocks, bricks, timbers, shrubs and other items. Snow plows and sidewalk plows can cause damage and the city is not liable for the repair or replacement landscape materials. Some residents have irrigation in the right of way. This is done at the owner's risk and responsibility. Keep any irrigation heads away from the edges of the sidewalk and curb line to avoid damage.

Who do I contact if a city snow plow damages my lawn or mailbox?

If a city snow plow causes lawn or mailbox damage, please contact the City of Mound Public Works Department at (952) 472-0603 on normal business days between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.