

SNOW REMOVAL GUIDE

It happens every year. The first snowstorm hits, and we all need reminders about how to properly care for the snow on and around our property.

With a few tips, Fruit Heights City employees and residents can work together to quickly, safely and efficiently clear the snow after a storm.



SNOW REMOVAL BY THE NUMBERS:

FRUIT HEIGHTS USES:

- 2** Ten-wheel dump trucks with salters and plows
- 3** One-ton trucks with salters and plows
- 4** Employees operating snow removal vehicles

25 Miles
of city roads
and intersections
are plowed
and maintained by
city crews

43"
+

Average annual snowfall
in Fruit Heights

Maintaining City Streets

Safety is our first priority, therefore school zones, steep roads, and main roadways are plowed first. These streets include Mountain Road, Nicholls Road, 400 North, East Oaks, Mahogany Drive, Hidden Springs Parkway, and 650 North. Streets are then plowed according to the volume of traffic. Subdivision streets are followed by cul-de-sacs, and dead-end streets.

If the storm is continuous and heavy, plows will revisit the main roadways and school zones as necessary, then return to the lower priority streets as soon as possible.

It may take city crews up to 24 hours after a large storm has ended for some of the less populated city streets to be cleared.

COMMON ISSUE:

City Plow Pushes Snow Into Driveway

Residents are often frustrated when a snow plow pushes snow from the street into a freshly cleared driveway. We understand the inconvenience.

However, plows are designed to push snow to the side, and the goal is to clear main roadways and create safer travel for residents. Our crews try to minimize the amount of snow deposited in residential driveways.

Shoveling snow to the side of your approach will lessen the amount of snow left in your driveway.

Reminder, it is unlawful to push snow from private property out into public streets. This can cause ice to form in the street, and make the road extremely unsafe for cars and plows. Violators will be ticketed and fined. Please move snow to the area between the sidewalk and curb.

TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

- Park all vehicles, trailers, and boats off streets.
- Clear snow from sidewalks as soon as possible.
- Aim snow blowers into yards. Blowing snow to sidewalks and streets creates dangers and delays.
- DO NOT shovel snow into city streets. Snow pushed into driveways by plows should be pushed to the area between sidewalk and curb.
- Beware when walking or cycling after a storm. Snow coming off plows can be very heavy and icy.
- Don't allow children to play on or near streets when plows are operating.
- Give snow removal equipment plenty of room. Don't follow too closely. Do not pass plows.
- Drive cautiously and defensively. Hills and intersections may be icy.
- Help neighbors with snow removal when needed.
- If city streets are slick or unsafe due to snowy or icy conditions, please contact the **Davis County Sheriff's Office at 801-451-4150**. They will dispatch the Fruit Heights City Public Works department.

Private Streets

Not all roads are maintained by Fruit Heights City. Several gated communities or HOA areas in the city clear their own streets. If you live within these areas, please refer questions to your HOA representatives.

WINTER PARKING

From November 1 through April 1, Winter Parking rules apply, meaning it is illegal to park on streets between 12 Midnight and 8 a.m., or during snowfall when plows are in operation.

Registered owners of vehicles are liable for parking violations, and will be ticketed.

SIDEWALKS

Residents are responsible to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property. Some sidewalks within the city are 6 feet wide. On these larger walks, the back 2 feet, or the walk closest to the property, should be shoveled and maintained. Sidewalks need to be cleared as soon as possible following a storm to allow sunshine to melt ice from sidewalks.

Leaving snow on sidewalks creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians.

When Will Plows Run?

City plows will start running when 2" of snow accumulate on roads, or conditions warrant. Generally, operators begin plowing at 5 a.m. to clear major roads before the morning commute. If conditions warrant, plowing will begin before 5 a.m. Salting may occur on steep roads and intersections ahead of a storm.