



City of Rocky Ford

Department of Public Works

SNOW & ICE CONTROL PLAN

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Snow and ice removal in the City of Rocky Ford is at times a large task that is handled by the Public Works Department. We are responsible for snow and ice abatement on over 28 miles of asphalt and the clearing of sidewalks and parking lots at all city-owned facilities.

Staff plans and utilizes its limited resources based on the best available information and data all while trying to keep overtime at a minimum. The department does its best to deploy available resources based on variable storm conditions. Many factors including the rate and accumulation, moisture content, temperature, time of day or night, wind direction and velocity, as well as the duration of the event are all factors that interact to create a unique aspect for each storm with the result that no two storms are ever identical.

The large snowplow is called into service by the Director when we have received at least two (2) inches or more of snowfall. As more staff are needed, we go down the on-call list and employees are called in accordingly to operate the other snow removal equipment we have.

STREETS PLOWED BY PRIORITY

A priority plan for snow removal was developed by identifying a basic system of roads essential to the continuation of traffic movement. While developing this plan, the realistic capabilities of the Public Works Department, such as available equipment and personnel, were kept in mind. Priority routes were developed by considering traffic volume, access to emergency services, and access to our public schools.

Priority streets are defined as Tier 1 and are primary arteries in and out of the city. Tier 2 streets are the major connecting streets and Tier 3 streets are collector routes.

We will always start with Tier 1 streets and proceed through all other tiers. Removal efforts will continue until all safety hazards caused by the snowstorm have been eliminated. The amount of snow, the type of snow/ice, and the duration of the storm affect the time it takes to complete work on each street. Therefore, a specific completion time cannot be given.

SIDEWALKS

In accordance with Rocky Ford Municipal Code (Sec. 11-1-20), property owners – including both residential and commercial are held accountable for clearing their adjoining sidewalks. Following is the City Ordinance:

- **Sec. 11-1-20 – Snow and ice removal**

The owner, occupant, lessee or person in possession or control of any premises or property shall maintain the sidewalks adjoining such premises or property, and shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed or cleared away, snow and ice from sidewalks in all business districts within the City by four business hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain or by the beginning hours of the next business day following such fall, whichever period is shorter, and from all other sidewalks in the City within 24 hours of the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain. (Ord. No. 914, § 1, 2-9-2016)

It shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any lot, block, or parcel of ground within the City, or for any agent in charge of such property, to allow any snow or ice to accumulate or remain upon any sidewalk alongside such property longer than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the last accretion of such snow or ice.



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GARBAGE COLLECTION

Municipal regulations and public health protection require the city to provide garbage collection. The exception is in emergency situations such as heavy snowstorm when management, for the safety of its employees and the public, can suspend all collections to keep heavy vehicles off the street until road conditions improve. When collections are suspended temporarily, residents will be notified through various media outlets, or they may call city hall and inquire. We ask residents to not leave trash containers on the street during snow and ice events.

STRANDED MOTORISTS

As time and conditions allow, we do assist stranded motorists. A Release and Waiver of Liability agreement must first be read and signed by the stranded party before we can assist them.

SNOW AND ICE OPERATOR SHEET

A Snow and Ice Operator sheet is to always be used in the event an employee responds to an event. We use these sheets to recap the storm and try to improve delivered service.

LIST OF STORM RESPONSE EQUIPMENT

- 1992 International dump truck with manually delivered adjustable plow and sand spreader
- Loader
- Backhoe
- Dodge 2500 with a plow attachment
- ATV with a small plow attachment
- Snow shovels



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TIER 1 SNOWPLOW RESPONSE

*Tier 1 streets should be plowed first; 4 hours max on snowplow; Time to switch drivers

1. Main Street
2. Sidewalk – South side of Elm Avenue from 9th Street to Main Street
3. Play Park Hill
4. Washington Avenue
5. Sidewalk – South side of Washington Avenue from 2nd Street to Meloneer Lane.
6. Meloneer Lane
7. 2nd Street
8. 8th Street
9. 9th Street
10. Spruce Street
11. 19th Street (Maple)
12. Chestnut Avenue
13. 11th Street

TIER 2 SNOWPLOW RESPONSE

*Tier 2 streets should be plowed after Tier 1 is complete; 4 hours max on snowplow; Time to switch drivers

1. Walnut Street
2. Sycamore Avenue
3. Hopkins Avenue
4. Cottonwood Lane
5. Lois Lane
6. 13th Street

TIER 3 SNOWPLOW RESPONSE

*Tier 3 streets should be plowed only after Tier 1 and Tier 2 are complete; 4 hours max on snowplow; Time to switch drivers

1. All other streets in the city except for dirt roads