

City of Taylorsville Snow Removal Policy and Procedure

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for the removal of snow and ice on streets and sidewalks within the City. The City contracts with Salt Lake County Public Works Department for roadway snow removal and road maintenance services.

Objective:

The objective of these policies and procedures is to provide direction for timely and efficient removal of snow and ice from City streets and sidewalks in the City of Taylorsville.

The City contracts for a limited number of public works resources, which requires the assignment of priorities to streets for snow removal. The first priority is given to streets that carry the largest traffic volume and those that have been identified as presenting a heightened danger given snowy and icy conditions. Collector streets with lower traffic volumes have been identified as the next priority, with neighborhood streets and then cul-de-sac streets following in priority once the higher priority streets have been cleared and are deemed safe for travel. Motorists may experience snow-packed or icy conditions on lower priority streets during snowstorms. Plowing City streets will continue until all streets have been cleared over the succeeding days following a storm.

Scope:

The City maintains more than 150 lane miles of arterial, secondary and residential streets that have been divided into five (5) priorities:

- A. **First Priority:** All major arterial streets that must be kept open to provide a transportation network connecting hospitals, fire stations, police stations, and emergency medical services.
- B. **Second Priority:** Minor arterial streets and those streets serving public schools, and locations considered to be extraordinarily dangerous when snow covered or icy such as steep hills.
- C. **Third Priority:** Collector streets and those additional streets serving public transportation.
- D. **Fourth Priority:** All remaining streets such as residential and local streets.
- E. **Fifth Priority:** Cul de Sacs.

Responsibility of the City

The responsibility for implementing the snow removal policy lies with the City Administrator and the Director of Community Services. The City's priorities have

been provided to the Public Works Director who will call out snowplow crews to plow or salt when warranted and authorize the use of additional resources or overtime as conditions warrant.

Equipment Resources:

The City deploys 9 drivers to address winter road conditions.

During snow events residents are encouraged to check the priority maps then call the City of Taylorsville (801) 963-5400 if they feel their street has been overlooked or they have an issue with snowplowing on their street.

Snowplow operators have been trained to follow the priorities set in the policies and procedure section; it would be detrimental to respond to individual complaints before operators have responded in accordance with the Snow Removal Policy.

Complaints will be logged and given to supervisors for review and action. Claims from residents for property damage caused by snowplows should be reported to Public Works at City of Taylorsville at 801-963-5400 or email pwOps-online@slco.org.

Within the City of Taylorsville borders, the Utah Department of Transportation has the obligation to maintain and plow state owned roads including Redwood Road, 5400 South, 4700 South east of 2700 West, and Bangerter Highway.

Citizen Responsibilities

Residents are responsible to maintain their sidewalks adjacent to their property. Please pile the snow on your yard not in the street. This is required by ordinance. A helpful hint for residents on snow routes--clear your sidewalk after the snow plows have finished plowing your street.

Emergency Snow Conditions

Snow removal equipment is harder to stop than a regular vehicle and is less maneuverable.

Equipment operators may work 12 hours or more in a shift and appreciate courteous and friendly drivers and pedestrians. Please help them help you.

City Ordinances regarding Snow Removal

Parking on the Street:

City of Taylorsville Code:

11.20.130 PARKING PROHIBITED WHEN:

It is unlawful for any person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle to park any vehicle on any street or highway:

- A. After a snow accumulation of four inches (4") or more, until 24 hours after the end of such accumulation; or
- B. For a period longer than twenty four (24) hours; or
- C. For any period longer than the allowed by appropriate signs, markings or parking meters giving notice of such parking time limitation. (Ord. 06-30, 9-6-2006)

Sidewalk Maintenance:

City of Taylorsville Code:

14.32.100 SNOW REMOVAL; REQUIRED.

It is unlawful for the owner, occupant, lessor or agent of property abutting on a paved sidewalk to fail to remove or cause to be removed from such paved sidewalk and any existing curb ramp all hail, snow or sleet falling thereon, within twenty four (24) hours after the hail, snow or sleet has ceased falling. (Ord. 04-07, 2-4-2004).

14.20.105 PLACING SNOW UPON HIGHWAY PROHIBITED:

It is unlawful for any person removing snow, ice or other material from a sidewalk or driveway to place or deposit said snow, ice or other material upon any city road or highway in such a manner as to interfere with the proper use of the same or so as to obstruct travel or to endanger property or persons upon the same. (Ord. 96-17, 6-19-1996)

Common Questions About Snow Control

Can the City remove the snow they put in my driveway and sidewalk? ☒ Some snow will come off the blade onto driveways. When you consider the large number of driveways and amount of sidewalks in the County it is too costly and time consuming to use additional people and equipment to perform this service. Our primary duty is to open and keep open the main roadway system.

Can I park my car on the street? ☒ The City Council has been asked to consider changing our ordinances to make it illegal to leave a car parked in the street November 15 through March 31. This topic will be discussed at the November 6, 2013 City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Your input will be greatly appreciated. Having to swerve a snowplow in and out between parked vehicles is not only

dangerous, but also nerve wracking for our drivers. We also cannot do an efficient job with parked vehicles on the street. Also your car could be plowed in with a snow bank.

How long until my streets are plowed? ☑ We make every effort to accomplish the following:

Main Streets plowed within 8 hours after the storm ends.

Residential Streets plowed within 48 hours after the storm ends.

Cul-de-sacs plowed within 48 hours after the storm ends.

