

SNOW REMOVAL FAQ'S

- Q:** Can't the City remove the snow they put in my driveway and sidewalk?
- A:** The City's primary goal and duty is to provide safe and open access to the main roadway system. To be fiscally responsible, and in the interest of public safety, it would not be feasible for the City to provide this service.

Q: Why not plow to the center?

- A:** Plowing and piling snow into the center of a street creates a safety hazard. The freezethaw cycle creates a bigger challenge when the melting snow freezes on the road surface during the evening. Traffic flow is restricted by eliminating a portion of a driving lane, and it creates sight obstructions for low ground clearance vehicles.

Q: Can I park my car on the street?

- A:** Yes, on designated streets where parking is normally allowed. However, if parked on the street, your car could inadvertently be surrounded with a snow bank following plowing operations. Maneuvering a snowplow in and out between parked vehicles can be very dangerous, and it is not an efficient way to plow snow. If you have the opportunity to avoid parking in the street, it is greatly appreciated and encouraged.

Q: Why are residential streets seldom plowed?

- A:** With over 600 lane miles of roadway to maintain, it is difficult to plow all of the streets with the City's limited staff and equipment. Most of the First Priority routes contain four lanes plus turning lanes; these routes can keep equipment busy 24 hours a day, even after the snow quits falling. The City's goal is to maintain a safe travel route for you and your family. The City will make every effort to get to the lower priority streets when weather and conditions allow.

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CONTROL SERVICES



SNOW & ICE CONTROL SERVICES

Weather can be very unpredictable, especially in our area. We have winters with little or no snow accumulation, and storms that deposit heavy snow accumulation that may freeze for weeks.

The City of Pasco serves a population of nearly 70,000 people and over 600 lane-miles of streets; the City strives to provide safe and responsible snow and ice control services each winter.

During the winter storm season your City equipment operators work up to 12+ hours a shift to protect your family. Please remember to be courteous to your equipment operators; they are working to keep you and your family safe.



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ABOUT OUR STAFF

During hazardous winter conditions, City crews (with over 100 years of combined experience) are dedicated to keeping you and your family safe. Staff draws upon a wide range of resources including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, weather information from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, area weather stations and the Police and Fire Departments. The City's modest fleet of snow removal equipment is carefully prepared prior to the ice and snow season. The City fleet includes four dump trucks equipped with snow plows & sanders, three road graders, and three liquid anti-icing trucks; all working hard to provide you and your family access to major streets and thoroughfares.

City staff has systematically evaluated the streets and travel routes throughout the City to determine the best methods possible of providing safe travel for you and your family. The goal is to provide a safe driving experience during hazardous winter weather and to create a path for you to meet your daily driving needs; but it may take you a few extra blocks from your normal route of travel.



SIDEWALKS & DRIVEWAYS

Residents are responsible to maintain sidewalks and driveways adjacent to their property. Please pile snow on your yard, not in the street. If your sidewalk is icy, you may correct the hazard by applying a heavy coat of sand. When a sidewalk is not clear, the results can be very hazardous for pedestrians and school children. Pitch in and do your part to help keep your sidewalks and driveways hazard free!

Priority Levels

SNOW REMOVAL RESPONSE

The City has established procedures and policies for addressing the anti-icing, snow plowing, and sanding of the streets and roads. These procedures and policies are established upon a priority basis, each containing predetermined routes.

PLOWING PRIORITIES:

- 1 All major arterial streets and intersections, consisting of the main roadways connecting hospitals, fire stations, police stations, and emergency medical services.
- 2 Streets serving public schools, minor arterial streets and intersections.
- 3 "Collector" streets and those additional streets serving public transportation, as well as problem areas identified by the Police Department (such as steep hills).

ANTI-ICING:

If a storm/weather event is predicted, a liquid product is applied before the storm arrives to major intersections in the city to minimize ice build-up on the street.



- Fire Station
- Fuel Station
- Sewer Lift Station
- Schools Public/Private
- CITY HALL/WPWTP/BUTTERFIELD WTP/ RD 108 SHOP

PRIORITY

- 1
- 2

ZONE

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

