

Snow Removal Policy

The following information is to define what the city's policy on snow removal is and to improve the quality of city services. The Public Works Department is responsible for the snow removal on City streets in accordance with this policy.

The city streets have been divided into three groups. The priority one streets are Sibley Street (BB Highway) and Monroe Street (24 Highway). The second group or priority two streets are the commercial and residential collector and feeder streets. The last group or priority three streets are all other commercial and residential streets including dead-end and cul-de-sacs.

Priority One Streets

(Sibley Street and Monroe Street)

Priority One Streets are cleared by MoDot and Jackson County Public Works. Priority two and three streets are cleared by the City of Buckner Public Works Department.

Priority Two Streets

(Commercial and residential collector and feeder streets)

1. The Public Works Superintendent will determine the conditions of the city streets. It is the responsibility of the Public Works Superintendent to monitor the weather and road conditions when a winter storm watch is in effect.
2. Pre-treating of streets: Priority Two Streets are to be done even when no snow or light snow/ice has accumulated; commencing by 4:00 A.M. Monday through Friday and by 7:00 A.M. on weekends.
3. In addition to pre-treating, these streets should be plowed.

Priority Three Streets

(All other residential streets including dead-end and cul-de-sacs)

1. The Public Works Superintendent will determine the conditions of the city streets. It is the responsibility of the Public Works Superintendent to monitor the weather and road conditions when a winter storm watch is in effect.

2. The Public Works Department will start clearing and sanding Priority Three Streets when the streets are becoming icy, when there is snow fall of two (2) inches and over, or when conditions are hazardous for driving.

General

(All Priority One and Two Streets)

1. Clearing Procedures

The intent is to have all 25.6 lane miles of street treated and plowed within eight hours after a storm has stopped.

- a) Crews follow each other so the lead truck pushes snow one direction while the second truck pushes the snow the other direction.
 - b) After the initial clearing of all city streets the crews go back and sand hills and intersections. The crews then go back and clear the streets with a wider swath.
 - c) Crews start at South Hudson Street and clear and sand all intersections and Priority Two Streets in that quadrant/section before moving to another quadrant. The crews will then move to Priority Three Streets and intersections; moving back to Priority Two Streets and repeating the clearing cycle by working in ten hour shifts with four hours off; until the storm has abated and streets are cleared.
2. The City does not salt or plow private property and will not remove snow deposited by driveways and mailboxes caused by snow plows. Snow removal on parking lots and sidewalks is the property owner's responsibility.
 3. Slick area calls are handled as quickly as possible. We do not break from our priority routes unless a Police or Fire emergency arises. If a citizen has a true emergency they should call 911 to get the proper response to the situation.
 4. Things citizens can do to help improve snow removal operations are:
 - a) Make sure to have the proper snow or all weather tires on your vehicle to prevent you from getting stuck.
 - b) Park off street if possible.
 - c) Shovel the snow to the right side of the driveway as you face the street. This will lessen the amount of snow at the mouth of the driveway when the snow plow comes by.
 5. Weather terms to remember:

Travel Advisory: Driving conditions might be hazardous.

Blizzard Warning: Snow with winds greater than 35 MPH and visibility of one quarter mile or less is expected.

Winter Storm Warning: Snowfall of 4 to 6 inches expected during the next 12 hour period.

Small Storms: One to four inches of snow fall.

Large Storms: Four to twelve inches of snow fall.