



MAPLETON CITY CORPORATION

MAPLETON CITY SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

OBJECTIVE: It is the goal and intent of Mapleton City to provide timely, efficient and cost effective winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control on the roadways of the municipality. This objective is assigned to the Public Works Department.

PROCEDURE: Due to many variables that are inherent in Utah weather, each storm and/or weather event may require slightly different efforts and/or emphasis on any number of maintenance tasks, which together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal or ice control strategy.

LEVEL OF SERVICE: It is not possible to maintain snow and ice-free roads during a storm. It is the intention of Mapleton City to provide practical, safe access along city streets during winter storms. The Public Works Department shall plow all priority roads first, to provide the basic transportation system for public safety, schools, high volume streets, steep grades, etc. following a snowstorm of 2" or greater. Lower priority streets (inner subdivision streets), will be plowed next, areas which are prone to wind and drifting snow will receive priority. Remaining city streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs are plowed last, traffic lanes only. Cul-de-sacs will be plowed 1 pass in and 1 pass out providing no cars are parked in the roadway. All operational decisions regarding pre-salting, scheduling or equipment operators and private contractors shall be based upon these goals.

It is the policies of Mapleton City, to have the operating crews of the Public Works Department begin snow removal operations upon accumulation of two inches of snowfall. The Supervisor may, after consultation with the Public Works Director, at his/her own discretion based upon weather information reports, elect to not remove snow until greater or lesser accumulations occur. During nights and weekends, the Police Department shall notify the Supervisor or his/her on-call designee that road conditions warrant mobilization of snow removal or ice control activity.

HOW SNOW PLOWING WORKS: The City has 6 snow plow trucks. Plowing will begin on the main, priority roads (following an accumulation of 2" or greater snowfall), followed by inner subdivision streets. Cul-de-sacs and dead ends streets are the last priority; however, we will strive to get to them as soon as possible. We will aim to have the main roads cleared within 24 hours of the end of any storm, and the inner subdivision streets, dead-end streets, and cul-de-sacs within 72 hours.

The snow plows are designed to push the snow from the center line of the road to the edge of the road. This sometimes creates a problem with blocking driveways and mailboxes. **Please be aware that it is the resident's responsibility to clear the snow from in front of their driveway and mailbox to ensure mail delivery.**

Also, no snow or ice removed from private property shall be deposited in the public ways, and include the following:

- 1. Pushing or carrying and depositing snow or ice on a public right-of-way or sidewalk.**
- 2. The blowing of snow or ice into a pedestrian or vehicle travel lane.**

PLEASE NOTE:

It is not the position of Mapleton City to maintain a bare pavement policy or to provide snow and ice removal on every city street during or after every snow storm. Therefore, after periods in which the movement of traffic has occurred, snow plows are not as effective for totally clearing packed snow or icy roadways, except to remove loose material on top.

The Public Works Office is open Monday – Friday (excluding holidays) from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and can be reached at: 489-6253.