

City of Chehalis Snow and Ice Control Guidelines

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Purpose:

To provide guidelines creating a balance between public need and available resources, respond in a timely manner to adverse street conditions resulting from snow and ice and maintain consistency in responding while considering the safety of departmental employees and the motoring public.

Objectives:

- To ensure that the city's key routes are accessible as quickly as possible to allow medical, fire and police to respond to emergencies
- Clear streets to allow safe public access for economic/public transportation
- Keep school areas accessible

Preparation:

- Appropriate staff from Public Works, Police, Fire and Community Development will hold a meeting (around October) to discuss projected weather conditions for the coming season and preparations the city has in place to respond
- Sanding and snow plowing equipment is to be serviced to ensure that it is in good working order
- Sanding materials are to be stockpiled and contacts made to obtain additional material as necessary for prolonged events

Response:

- The Police Chief and/or his designee will keep local radio stations apprised of hazardous driving conditions
- The Police Department will call Public Works personnel when it is determined that sanding or plowing is needed at site specific areas
- At least two employees will be on duty during nighttime hours (more may be called in during extreme events)
- During "extended events" the Street Superintendent and/or his designee will set a work schedule for 24-hour coverage (for as long as conditions warrant)
- The Police Chief and/or his designee will restrict traffic and or close streets as necessary to provide the safest environment possible
- Sanding will end when traction can be provided without waste of material, plowing will commence at the discretion of the operator based on the condition of the streets

- The “old town” area (two blocks of N Market Blvd) will remain a high priority for plowing/sanding and if needed the community development department will assist with plowing the parking stalls and work to restrict downtown traffic as little as possible during snow removal.

Street Priorities:

All main arterial streets are treated first **(in bold)**, then secondary arterial streets. Once the primary and secondary routes are cleared then residential areas can be addressed. Police and/or emergency requests may supersede this priority list.

- **KRESKY AVENUE**
- **NATIONAL AVENUE**
- COAL CREEK ROAD
- **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAY**
- **LOUISIANA AVENUE**
- WEST STREET
- NEWAUKUM AVENUE
- **WEST MAIN STREET**
- **STATE AVENUE**
- **MARKET BOULEVARD *INCLUDING THE OLD TOWN ***
- **PARK STREET**
- CASCADE AVENUE
- WILLIAM AVENUE (13TH ST to 11TH ST)
- JOHNSON AVENUE
- SNIVELY AVENUE
- PACIFIC AVENUE
- 11TH STREET (MARKET to ADAMS)
- PROSPECT STREET
- **13TH STREET**
- 20TH STREET
- 6TH STREET (MARKET to ADAMS)
- *2ND STREET (MARKET to CASCADE)
- *3RD STREET (MARKET to CASCADE)
- *16TH STREET (MARKET to SNIVELY)

*DURING SCHEDULED SCHOOL DAYS