

# SNOW REMOVAL

**OUR MISSION: KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAR OF SNOW AND SAFE FOR TRAVEL.**

## Rathdrum Snow Removal

Because Rathdrum rests in a snow-belt, snow accumulation is an ongoing expectation during the winter.

### When do you plow?

Plowing begins once the roadways have accumulated 3"-or-more of snow.

### When do you sand?

Sand and/or salt is used in combination with plowing to provide reasonable driving surfaces in icy conditions. Spot sanding will be done at specific locations on primary and secondary routes, and at inclined intersection approaches, and at other locations as time permits.

### Why are you spraying roads when it is going to freeze?

The liquid you see being sprayed on the roadway is either a salt brine or magnesium chloride (MgCl<sub>2</sub>) anti-icing agent. This is a preventive measure which assists with removing the amount of snow & ice on our roadways.

### My sidewalk needs to be shoveled. When will you be here to do that?

Unfortunately, the City does not have the available resources to clear sidewalks. And, as outlined in Rathdrum City Code 7.2D.4.B, sidewalk maintenance, including snow removal, is the responsibility of the property owner.

### Why has a snow plow left a berm across my driveway? Are the plows equipped with gates?

Our goal is to clear the roadway for safe travel. Unfortunately, berming is an inconvenient result of plowing. Our plows are equipped with gates. However, gates only reduce the size of the berm.....they don't necessarily eliminate a snow berm particularly when there is an appreciable accumulation of snow.

### SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITY

1. Primary Routes
2. Secondary Routes
3. Neighborhood Routes

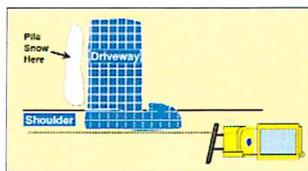
We will clear snow/ice from higher volume roadways first and then concentrate our efforts on removing snow from secondary routes and then neighborhood routes.

## Resident Expectations

### Here are some ways you can help:

- As with any emergency, you should have on hand a minimum 3-day supply of food and medication for your family and any family pets.
- When removing snow from your driveway, sidewalk, roof, etc., please do not throw/shovel/deposit/blow snow or ice into any public

street, sidewalk or other public property.



- Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or shut-in neighbors.
- If physically possible for you, maintain clear access

to nearby fire hydrants.

- If physically possible for you, clean the storm drains and drywells near your home to keep melting water flowing.
- During a snow emergency (forecasted 3"-or-more of snowfall), it is necessary that property owners remove all vehicles from any street and/or right-of-way open for

plow operators.

- Clear sidewalks of snow & ice. Rathdrum City Code 7.2D.4.B, sidewalk maintenance, including snow removal, is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

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