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Council Policy

Regular Snow Clearing

Established: April 2019

Rescinded: N/A

Contact Department: Public Works

Guiding Principle

- Staff will clear snow from roads, sidewalks and the airport safely and efficiently at the service level set in this policy.

Purpose

- To identify the snow clearing priorities and trigger points.

Scope

- This policy encompasses all regular snow clearing activities on roads, trails, sidewalks and at the airport.
- Other snow clearing may happen at the discretion of the Manager of Operations or designate.

Policy Statements

Staff will begin to clear priority #1 items within twenty-four hours of checking and reaching a trigger point. The length of time to clear the snow will depend on the frequency and depth of snowfall.

Snow clearing will continue only during regular work hours until priority #1 and #2 items are completed.

Snow clearing on roads may be considered complete when a minimum five meters of width is cleared and the accumulation of loose snow and slush reaches between 6-10cm.

Extra-ordinary snowfalls of more than six inches may be cleared differently according to the Manager of Operations or designate.

Priority #1

Roads

- Granby Road from Highway 3 to City gravel pit and Valley Heights Drive
- 2nd Street from Airport to north side of bridge
- 72nd Avenue from 5th Street to 8th Street
- 8th Street from 72nd Avenue to Kettle River Drive
- Kettle River Drive from 8th Street to 68th Avenue
- 68th Avenue from Kettle River Drive to Spraggett Road
- 68th Avenue from Highway 3 east to 2nd Street
- 7th Street from 72nd Avenue to 75th Avenue (excluding Central Avenue)
- 75th Avenue from 7th Street to Riverside Drive
- Riverside Drive from 75th Avenue to Riverside Meadows
- Boundary Drive from 68th Avenue to 77th Avenue (excluding Central Avenue)
- 19th Street from 68th Avenue to Donaldson Drive (excluding Central Avenue)
- Donaldson Drive from 19th Street to North Fork Road
- 77th Avenue from Boundary Drive to 17th Street.
- 17th Street from 77th Avenue to McCallum View Drive
- McCallum View Drive from 17th Street to 76th Avenue
- 76th Avenue from McCallum View Drive to Donaldson Drive
- 22nd Street from Central Avenue to 78th Avenue
- 76th Avenue from 22nd Street to 23rd Street
- 75th Avenue from 22nd Street to North Fork Road
- 27th Street from 68th Avenue to Central Avenue

- 27th Street from Central Ave. to 75th Avenue
- 25th Street from Central Ave. to 75th Avenue
- 73rd Avenue from Boundary Drive to 11th Street
- 11th Street from 73rd Avenue to Kettle River Drive
- 72nd Avenue from Boundary Drive to 12th Street
- 72nd Avenue 19th St to 26th St
- 12th Street from 72nd Avenue to 73rd Avenue

Sidewalks

- Multi-Use Trail in South Ruckle from Community Garden to Central Avenue
- Central Avenue on south side from Multi-Use Trail end to 19th Street
- Central Avenue on north side from 19th Street to Boundary Drive
- Boundary Drive from 68th Avenue to 77th Avenue
- Central Avenue north side from Boundary Drive to Yale Bridge
- Sidewalks in the downtown core adjacent to City owned property
- Wheel chair ramps and alley drops
- Central Avenue on south side from 2nd to 19th Streets
- 19th Street from Central Avenue to 68th Avenue
- 68th Avenue from 19th Street to Kettle River Drive
- Kettle River Drive from 13th Street to 8th Street
- 8th Street from Kettle River Drive to 72nd Avenue
- 2nd Street from 72nd Avenue to Industrial Drive

Airport

- When an emergency Medi-vac call originates, personnel will immediately be dispatched to clean the runway and taxiway A of snow.
- When more than 10 centimeters of snow falls the runway and taxiway A are cleared.
- When more than 5 centimeters of wet and heavy snow falls, generally occurring in the temperature range -2 to plus 2C, the runway and taxiway A are cleared..
- When freezing is expected after melting conditions the runway and taxiway A are cleared.

Priority #2

Roads

- General residential streets.
- City owned parking lots.
- Downtown core and on street parking.

Sidewalks

- All other sidewalks.

Airport

- All times outside of the conditions listed under Priority #1.

Priority #3

- Cul-de-sacs, lanes, and alleys. Depending on equipment availability, some lanes and alleys may be done simultaneously with Priority #1 or #2 streets.
- Snow piles.

Trigger points

Triggers will be checked once per day during the regular work week and sporadically via the web cam after snowfall on weekends and statutory holidays.

- Monday to Saturday: Five centimeters of accumulated snowfall as measured on the snow gauge at the outside works building.
- Sunday, and statutory holidays: Ten centimeters of accumulated snowfall as measured on the snow gauge at the outside works building.
- As listed for the airport priority #1.

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