



city of beech grove

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Snow & Ice Removal Guidelines

Overview

The responsibility of providing snow and ice control for the City of Beech Grove lies within the Department of Public Works. This includes: one hundred lane miles of city streets, park properties, city hall, and police and fire stations.

Snow and ice control is considered emergency work, in that, pavement must be cleared anytime of the day or night. Careful planning and preparation must be done prior to the snow and ice season to ensure the safety of the public. Additionally, staffing and overtime must be considered to successfully manage each weather event. This planning process is made considerably more difficult due to the variable conditions encountered in each event. Variables such as rate of accumulations, moisture content, wind direction and velocity, temperature (air and pavement), wind chill, time of day, predicted duration of storm, amount of traffic, and personnel and equipment available, are all factors that create unique aspects for each storm assuring that no two events are identical.

Goal & Objective

The goal of the Department of Public Works is to make all streets and city owned facilities as safe and accessible as possible during the winter season. Additional caution should be exercised by citizens while using city streets and facilities during the winter season because of the potential for hazardous conditions to exist, due to ice, snow, and/or freezing temperatures.

The objective of the Department of Public Works is to make all streets and courts as safe and accessible as possible, both during and after a winter storm in accordance with the guidelines set herein. We will be proactive when possible and pre-treat intersections, hills, and other “trouble” spots. The police and fire departments will be open and accessible at all times.

Pre-treating (Salting)

The Department of Public Works crews begin applying salt to the streets when precipitation, either snow or ice, begins to accumulate and cause unsafe traveling conditions. This initial salting serves several purposes: to keep traffic moving, reduce precipitation total, and prevent snow or ice from bonding to the pavement.

Snow Plowing

In any snow event, salting is the initial focus to melt as much as possible. However, once the decision to plow is made, (usually when three or more inches have accumulated or are expected to accumulate) plowing will commence. Plowing will continue until the streets are clear (curb to curb where possible). Once the snowfall has stopped and plowing has ended, post-storm salting will start in order to achieve bare pavement conditions when possible.

Priorities for Salting & Plowing

Priority 1

- Police and Fire Stations
- Emerson Avenue
- Churchman Avenue
- Albany Street
- 17th Street (Sherman Drive)
- 9th Street
- Main Street
- 13th Street
- Elmwood Avenue
- Bethel Avenue

Priority 2 (Hills in the following areas)

- Carrington
- Park Meadow
- Grovewood Drive & Grovewood Place
- Woods of Beech Grove
- Elm Street
- Memorial Street
- Cherry Street
- Birch Street
- 17th Street Park Entrance
- 15th Street Park Entrance
- West Bound Alley North of Sarah T. Bolton Park
- 9th and Buffalo

Priority 3 (All other Streets)

- All other streets and courts to be addressed as quickly as possible.

If you encounter a special problem, or if you feel your street has not been treated adequately, call the Department of Public Works at 803-9098. During a weather event you will need to leave a message. If you have a situation that you feel is urgent you can call the police department dispatch at 782-4930.