

FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY SNOW REMOVAL GUIDE

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Clearing Snow: Making the Best of the Ultimate Winter Chore

Shoveling snow can be a chore for everyone. The first snowstorm of the year hits, and we are all reminded of the heavy lifting when shoveling, slippery roads or sidewalks, and the sting of cold weather.

By working together, Fruit Heights residents and Public Works employees can quickly, safely and efficiently clear snow in our city.



SNOW REMOVAL BY THE NUMBERS:

FRUIT HEIGHTS USES:

2 Ten-wheel dump trucks with salters and plows

3 One-ton trucks with salters and plows

5 Employees operating snow removal vehicles

28 Miles

of city roads and intersections are plowed and maintained by city crews

43"

+

Average annual snowfall in Fruit Heights (Hopefully this year!)

Common Questions About Snow Removal in Fruit Heights

Q: Why are other streets plowed before mine?

Safety is our first priority, therefore school zones, steep roads, and main roadways are plowed first. This includes Mountain Road, Nicholls Road, 400 North, East Oaks, Mahogany Drive, Hidden Springs Parkway, and 650 North. Streets are then plowed according to the volume of traffic. Subdivision streets are followed by cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets.

Q: What happened to my mailbox?

As you may have experienced shoveling your own driveway, snow can be very heavy. Snowplow blades move large amounts of snow at one time, which can

be extremely heavy and icy. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** *If a mailbox is damaged due to the weight of snow coming off the plow, it is the responsibility of the resident to replace the mailbox.*

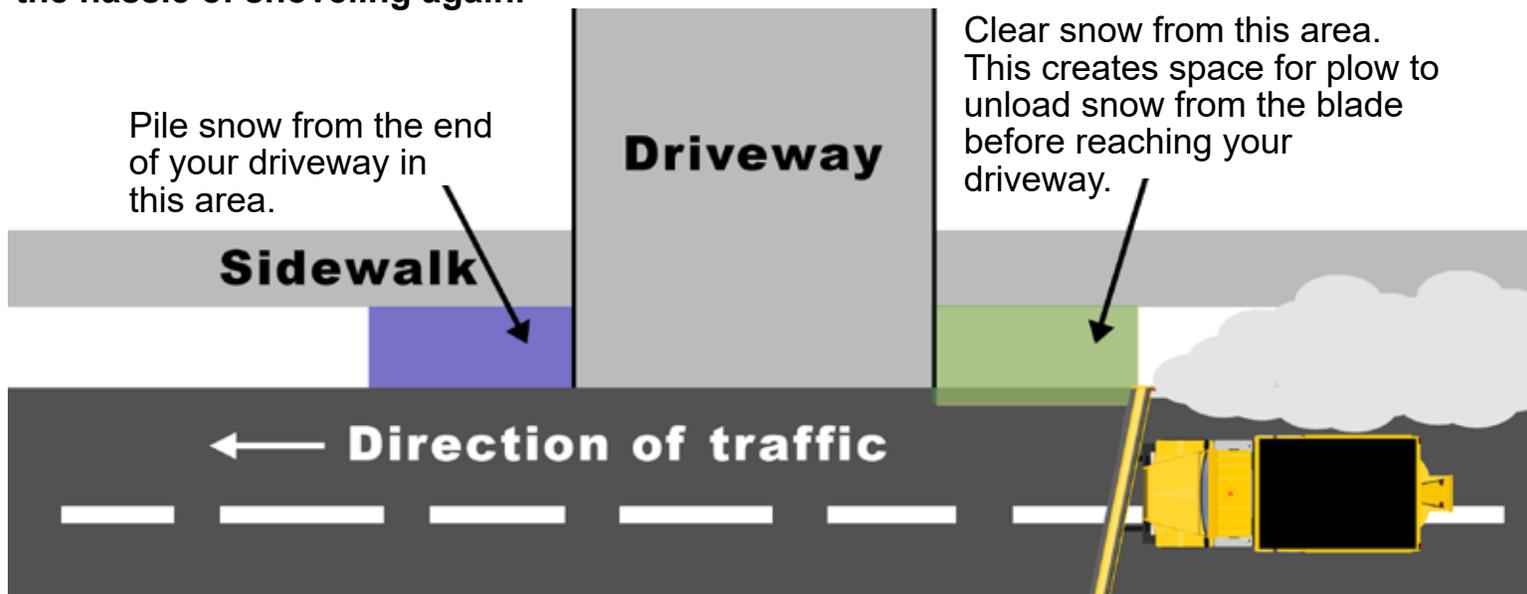
Q: Why does the plow put snow in my driveway?

Residents are often frustrated when a plow pushes snow into a freshly cleared driveway. We understand the inconvenience. Plows are designed to push snow to the side, clearing roadways and creating safer travel. Our crews try to minimize the amount of snow deposited in residential driveways.

See graphic on reverse side.

Avoid the Dreaded “Second Shovel”

You’ve worked to clear your driveway, but then a plow comes through and covers your work with fresh snow. Clearing an area to the right of your driveway (as seen below) allows the plow to dump snow from the blade before it gets to your driveway, saving you the hassle of shoveling again.



COMMON SNOW QUESTIONS continued

Q: When will plows run?

City plows will start running when 2” of snow accumulate on roads, or conditions warrant. Generally, operators begin plowing at 5 a.m. to clear major roads before the morning commute. If conditions warrant, plowing will begin before 5 a.m. Salting may occur on steep roads and intersections ahead of a storm.

Q: Who cares for private streets?

Not all roads are maintained by Fruit Heights City. Several gated communities or HOA areas in the city clear their own streets. If you live within these areas, please refer questions to your HOA representatives.

TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

- **DO NOT shovel snow into city streets.**
- Park all vehicles, trailers, and boats off streets.
- Clear snow from sidewalks as soon as possible.
- Aim snow blowers into yards. Blowing snow to sidewalks and streets creates dangers.
- Beware when walking or cycling after a storm. Snow coming off plows can be very heavy.
- Don’t allow children to play on or near streets when plows are operating.
- Give snow removal equipment plenty of room. Don’t follow too closely. Do not pass plows.
- Help neighbors with snow removal when needed.
- If city streets are slick or unsafe due to snowy or icy conditions during off-hours, contact the **Davis County Sheriff’s Office at 801-451-4150.**

WINTER PARKING

From November 1 through April 1, Winter Parking rules apply, meaning it is illegal to park on streets between 12 Midnight and 8 a.m., or during snowfall when plows are in operation. Registered owners of vehicles are liable for parking violations, and will be ticketed.

SIDEWALKS

Residents are responsible to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property. Some sidewalks within the city are 6 feet wide. On these larger walks, the back 2 feet, or the walk closest to the property, should be shoveled. Sidewalks need to be cleared as soon as possible following a storm. Leaving snow on sidewalks creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians.

GARBAGE CANS

If a storm is coming on the day of your garbage pickup, place your can on the street the morning of pickup instead of the night before. Once garbage service is complete on your street, remove cans from the street as soon as possible.

FIRE HYDRANTS

Residents with a fire hydrant adjacent to their property are responsible to clear snow from around the hydrant to make it visible and accessible to emergency crews.