

FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY SNOW REMOVAL GUIDE

JANUARY 2023



What a start to the water year! From the evening of Sunday, Dec. 11, through 6 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, Fruit Heights City received more than 17 inches of snow according to the National Weather Service. Then another big storm hit for the new year.

The amazing, but fast falling snow caused delays, hours of shoveling, and the inevitable accidents. In an effort to answer questions and help everyone navigate these storms as safely as possible, Fruit Heights City has compiled valuable snow removal information.

SNOW REMOVAL BY THE NUMBERS:

FRUIT HEIGHTS USES:

- 2** Ten-wheel dump trucks with salters and plows
- 2** One-ton trucks with salters and plows
- 4** Employees operating snow removal vehicles

60 Lane Miles

Fruit Heights has nearly 30 miles of roads, equaling 60 lane miles for City crews to clear

43"

+

Average annual snowfall in Fruit Heights
(Nearly half of that came in 4 days this year!)

\$14,000

spent on salt in just November and December 2022

300

On average, Fruit Heights City buys 300 tons of salt each year

\$3,500

each for the snow blades on four plow trucks. Blades are usually replaced every other year

50 CUL-DE-SACS

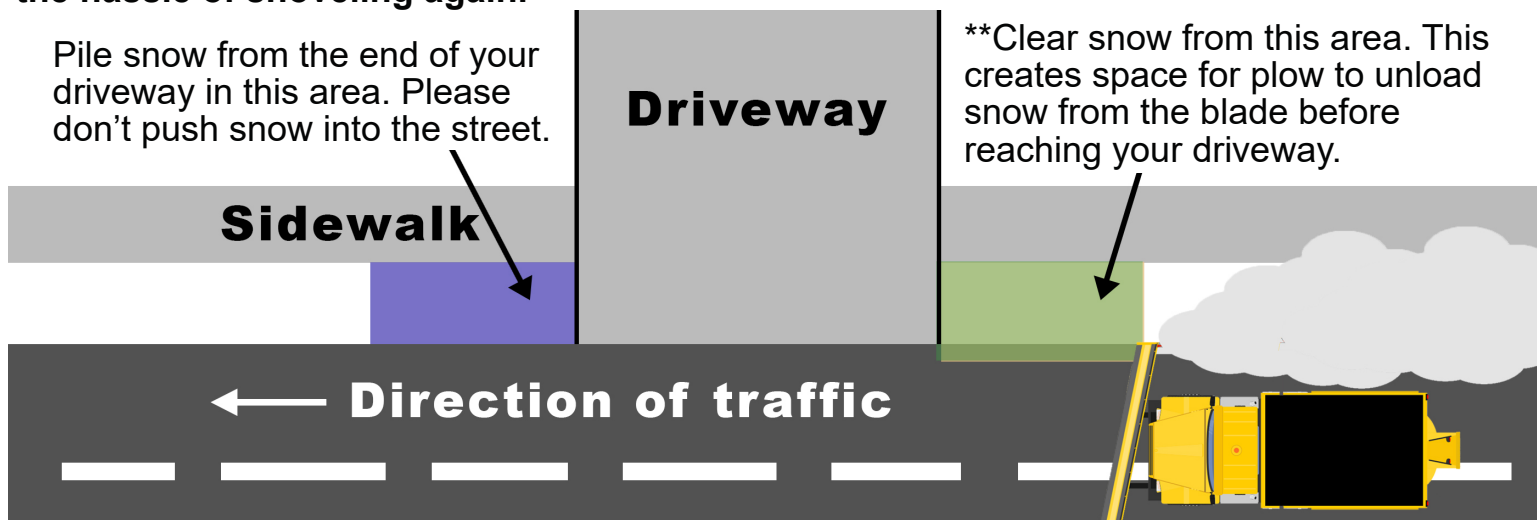
Cul-de-sacs and dead end streets can be challenging to clear, and due to necessity, are the last areas crews reach

100 HOURS

The recent storm brought snow mostly in the overnight hours. Our 4 public works employees put in a combined 100 hours of overtime in those few days

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 Questions About Snow Removal

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. Subdivision streets are next, followed by cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets.

Q: What happened to my mailbox?

Snowplows move large amounts of snow at one time, which can be extremely heavy and icy.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *If a mailbox is damaged due to weight of snow coming off 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 plows push snow into a freshly cleared driveway. We understand the inconvenience. Plows are designed to push snow to the side, which clears roadways and creates safer travel. Our crews try to minimize the amount of snow deposited in residential driveways.

Q: When will plows run?

City plows 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.

CUL-DE-SACS

Cul-de-sacs are challenging when it snows. There is often nowhere to put the snow without it being in the way. Crews try their best to clear these areas efficiently. Several residents have asked for snow to be piled in the middle of a cul-de-sac. Due to many safety issues, **THIS IS NOT AN OPTION.**

PRIVATE STREETS

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

SIDEWALKS

Residents are responsible to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property as soon as possible following a storm.

GARBAGE CANS

If a storm is coming the day of your garbage pick up, place your can on the street in the morning instead of the night before. Once emptied, remove can from street as soon as possible.

WINTER PARKING

November 1 - April 1 It is illegal to park on streets between 12 Midnight and 8 a.m., or during snowfall when plows are in operation.

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