

FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY RIDGERUNNER FOCUS

SNOW REMOVAL JANUARY 2024



What a difference a year makes! This time last year, we already had 20 inches of snow fall in Fruit Heights. While we wait to see what this year brings, our snow removal crew is ready to go.

The City's goal is to keep roads open and passable. Providing safe travel on major arterial roads and school routes is the crew's first priority, followed by residential streets.

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
- 5** Employees operating snow removal vehicles

61 Lane Miles

Fruit Heights has more than 30 miles of roads, equaling 61 lane miles for City crews to clear

43"



Average annual snowfall in Fruit Heights

\$14,000

On average, Fruit Heights City spends \$14,000 annually on salt

300-600

Fruit Heights City uses between 300 & 600 tons of salt each year

\$3,500

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

57+ CUL-DE-SACS

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

24 HOURS

Our 5 public works employees are prepared to work 24 hours a day to clear roads and provide safe travel and emergency access

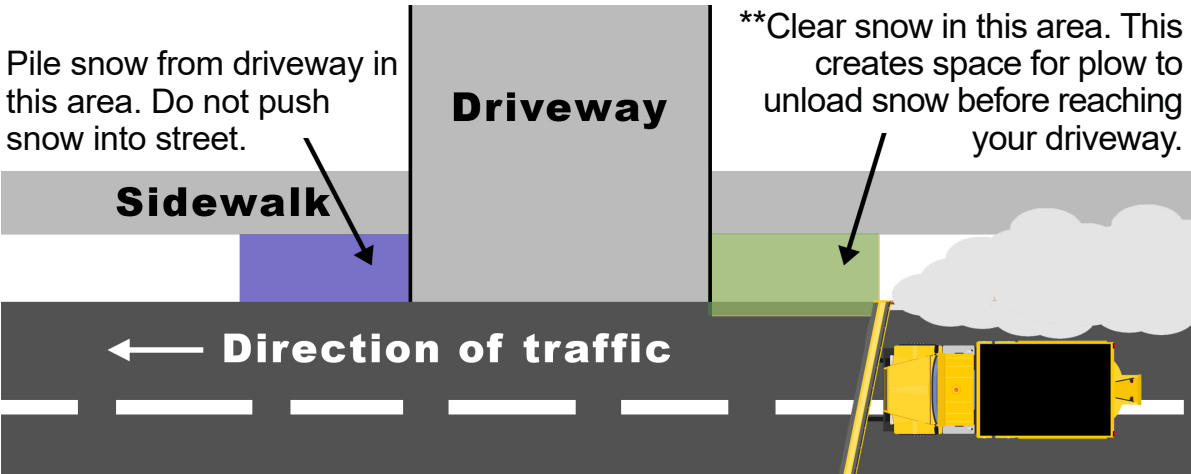
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CITY OF GOOD NEIGHBORS

Avoid the “Second Shovel”

Try clearing an area before your driveway (as seen below) to allow the plow space to unload snow from the blade before it gets to your driveway.



DO NOT

Push Snow Into Streets

Snow pushed or blown into streets can create ice ridges or slick spots. This is very dangerous to everyone using our roads.

COMMON SNOW REMOVAL QUESTIONS

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 frustration. However, 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, but it is the responsibility of property owners to remove plowed snow from these areas. **DO NOT PUSH INTO STREET.**

Q: Why are other streets plowed before mine?

Safety is our first priority, therefore school zones, steep roads, and main roads are plowed first. This includes Mountain Rd, Nicholls Rd, 400 N, East Oaks, Mahogany Dr, Hidden Springs Parkway, and 650 N. Residential streets are next, followed by cul-de-sacs and dead-end roads.

Q: What damaged my mailbox?

Plows move large amounts of heavy snow and ice at one time. This heavy snow can cause damage if it hits something. Please check that your mailbox is installed according to postal location guidelines. **TAKE NOTE:** *If a mailbox is damaged due to the weight of snow coming off a plow, it is the responsibility of the resident to replace the mailbox.*

Q: When will plows start to run?

City plows will run when 2" of snow accumulate on roads, or conditions warrant. Generally, operators begin plowing before 5 am to clear for the morning commute.

Q: Do I have to clear my sidewalks?

Yes. Residents are responsible to clear snow and ice from sidewalks as soon as possible following 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 the City. Several HOA areas clear their own streets. If you live within these areas, please talk to your HOA.

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.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Remove ALL parked vehicles from streets.
- Clear snow from sidewalks as soon as possible.
- Aim snow blowers away from sidewalk/street.
- Help neighbors clear sidewalks.
- Clear snow around fire hydrants and mailboxes.
- Give plows room to safely operate. Do not pass.

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