When it snows, we respond. Snow season November 15-March 15







Our Plan was improved by YOU!

- Based on your feedback, our current snow response plan features:
 - More plowing, sooner.
 - More equipment and people available for snow removal.
 - Completion of a full-City plow during heavier snowfalls more quickly in about 3 days.
 - Use of equipment that minimizes driveway berms.
 - Greater emphasis on plowing snow away from sidewalks.
 - Focus on routes to schools, medical facilities & more





Interrelated Components & A Holistic Approach

- Each of these components plays a vital role in our snow season
- There's a domino effect when any part of the plan is missing



Overview

• Snow Season – November 15 to March 15

- Moving away from event-based and reactive approach to proactive plan for the season
- o Be prepared

Coordinated System

- o Street Plowing
- o Sidewalk Snow Removal
- o Parking

Accountability and Collaboration

- o Plowing will minimize impact to parking and sidewalks
- o City will maintain its sidewalks
- o Help others connect with resources and plan ahead
- o Help out by doing your part for parking and sidewalk snow removal

Continuous Improvement

o Continuing with last year's changes, adding more gates, further improving communication



Plowing

- When it snows, even if it's an inch or two, crews will plow all the streets, including residential streets.
 - As part of the regular work day, Monday through Friday, crews will clear snow throughout the City when there are small amounts of snow
 - o Utility crews will supplement Street crews sooner
 - o More equipment will be available on a regular basis for plowing
 - o We call this "maintenance plow" work
- When a **full-City plow** is needed, the City will move to 24/7 operations
 - o A full City plow should take about 3 days under the changed plan.





Driveway Berms

New Equipment

- More than doubled the number of snow gates for the 2018-19 Snow Season
- o 16 gates this year, up from 7
- Won't completely eliminate berms, especially on arterials, but will drastically reduce them

Plowing Technique Changes

- Plowing away from the curb to help keep snow out of driveways and off sidewalks.
- o Snow also may be pushed to center medians on some arterials





Parking

Seasonal Parking (Nov. 15-March 15)

- Parking on the odd side of the street, all season long with no ticketing or towing
 - RVs & Boats: Seasonal Restriction of parking on the street, tow away
 - Enforcement is pro-active & complaint based with an emphasized campaign before snow season & warnings
 - o By Nov. 15, this enforcement will switch to towing
 - All areas outside the downtown will be treated the same
- o Downtown: No on-street parking, 12-6 a.m. when snow present, tow away area
 - Options for off-street parking (next slide)
- Messaging encouraging cooperation & providing options for parking





Downtown

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• City offers parking areas within the downtown boundary for where residents can stow their vehicles in a manner that abides signage (most likely North and South of the core)

Downtown boundary

Freeway Ave

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Maple to Division; Spokane River to I-90 **Snow Event Parking** Off Street Parking: P Lot 6 North River Dr On Street Parking llege Ave at meters under 190 Snow Event Boundary P Date: 10/31/2017 Spokane Falls Ct Spokane Fails Blvd Water Ave Glover Field Park Main Ave eaceful lley Park Lincol o Clarke Ave **Riverside Ave** lilson Ave Sprague Ave 1st Ave S ost Pacific Ave 5 Short State 2nd Ave Adai 3rd Ave

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Sidewalks

Education Emphasis

- Survey Results Prioritized Areas: schools, bus stops, hospital districts
- o Community Partners:
 - Emphasized students and families walking in the streets due to unclear sidewalks
- Courtesy Notice: Continue to
 issue notice to property owners &
 residents when City is notified of
 unclear sidewalk and pathways

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- Pre-registration Options for Elderly and Disabled (Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington)
 - 509.960.7281
- Neighbors helping neighbors to connect with information, resources and a plan!
 Make a plan for the winter



The City was contacted about failure to maintain sidewalks at this address. Did you know that it's the property owner/resident's responsibility to maintain a free and clear sidewalk for the safety of all pedestrians? Here's how to make sure you're in compliance:

- Clear sidewalks by 9am
- Clear a path at least 36" wide (up to the width of your sidewalk)
- Clear snow from around curb ramps, fire hydrants, storm drains, and mail boxes.
- Citizens near bus stops and along school walking routes, please be a good neighbor and keep those areas clear.

Failure to clear the sidewalk may result in a \$115 ticket.

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For Snow Removal services:

- Pre-register with a local landscape company!
- Make a plan with your neighbors!

Questions?

- Call 3-1-1 for information
- See updates to the snow plan here:

https://my.spokanecity.org/streets/maintenance/snowremoval/



How Can We Collaborate?

• Odd side Parking

- o Helps the plow minimize berms and get to each neighborhood faster
- Removing RVs (trailers, campers, flatbeds, boats, basketball hoops, etc.)
 - o Remove RVs from the right-of-way during the snow season (Nov. 15-March 15)
 - o Allows plows to maneuver with greater speed and thoroughness

Connect Resources

- Get to know your neighbors! Pass along Community Minded Enterprise's information to those that are over 60 and/or over 18 and disabled, pre-registration available
- o Did you know that people can pre-register with private landscaping companies?
- o Neighbors helping neighbors!

Seasonal Approach, Phased In

- These changes to the plowing, parking and sidewalks are part of changes to make Spokane a more seasonal city
- o Thank you for your collaboration, and please feel free to submit a comment card so we can





Where to get more info

Watch for Snow Brochure

- o Will be inserted in utility bills in November
- o Will include residential plow route map (Stick it on your fridge)

• Follow the City on Social Media

- o @spokanecity on Facebook and Twitter
- o We post when we have snow response news to report

• Get information on the City's web site

- o A link to snow information will be included on front page
- o www.my.spokanecity.org
- o Plow Progress map activated during full-City plows
- Watch for Information on Local Media
 - o We are rolling out information to media starting in mid-October
- Call 3-1-1 if you need more information



Questions?



