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
  o 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 We are committed to making changes along the way.
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
  - Utility crews will supplement Street crews sooner
  - More equipment will be available on a regular basis for plowing
  - We call this “maintenance plow” work

• When a **full-City plow** is needed, the City will move to 24/7 operations
  - A full City plow should take about 3 days.
Driveway Berms

• **Snow Gates**
  - Snow gates that reduce driveway berms are now a regular part of the snow removal work
  - 16 gates in the fleet, up from 7 two years ago
  - 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.
  - Snow also may be pushed to center medians on some arterials
Parking

• **Seasonal Parking (Nov. 15-March 15)**
  - People should park on the odd side of the street during snow season
    - RVs, Boats & Trailers: Seasonal Restriction of on-street parking w/ towing
      - Enforcement is pro-active & complaint based with an emphasized campaign before snow season & warnings
      - These vehicles are always limited to 24 hours of on-street parking
    - All areas outside the downtown will be treated the same
  - Downtown: No on-street parking, 12-6 a.m. when the City provides notification of plans to clear parking bays.
    - Vehicles can be towed
    - Options for off-street parking (next slide)

• **Encourages cooperation & providing parking options**
Downtown

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

• Downtown boundary
  o Maple to Division; Spokane River to I-90
• **Education Emphasis**
  o Survey Results **Prioritized Areas**: schools, bus stops, hospital districts
  o Community Partners: Emphasized **students and families walking in the streets** due to uncleared sidewalks
  o Courtesy Notice: Continue to **issue notice to property owners & residents** when City is notified of unclear sidewalk and pathways

• **Mitigation Impacts**
  o Pre-registration Options for Elderly & Disabled. Call 3-1-1.
  o Neighbors helping neighbors make a plan for the winter
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
  o Get to know your neighbors!
  o Encourage seniors and individuals with disabilities to call 3-1-1 to connect with available snow services. Pre-registration is available
  o Did you know that people also can pre-register with private landscaping companies?
  o Neighbors helping neighbors!

• Seasonal Approach
  o These changes to the plowing, parking and sidewalks are part of efforts 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 hear from you!
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.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?