Snow Response Plan

Snow response is a collaboration between the City and its citizens. Snow Season runs from November 15 to March 15. During Snow Season, the City monitors weather conditions 24 hours a day for fast response. The City of Spokane is continuing with its improved Snow Response Plan. The plan provides:

- More plowing, sooner.
- More equipment and people available for snow removal.
- Quicker completion of the full-City plow during heavier snowfalls – in about 3 days.
- Use of equipment that minimizes driveway berms.
- Greater emphasis on plowing snow away from sidewalks.
- Simplified seasonal parking rules and more emphasis on clearing sidewalks.

Plowing
When it snows, even if it’s just an inch or two, crews will plow all the streets, including residential streets. Crews will complete this “maintenance plow” work in residential areas primarily during regular day shifts Monday through Friday. Arterials are plowed first, followed by hills in residential areas. Vehicle routes around schools and medical facilities also have been prioritized.

During a larger snowfall of four inches or more, crews will move to 24/7 operations to complete a full-City plow. That plow should take about 3 days. Citizens can track the progress of plows during full-City plow events on an online map at my.spokanecity.org/Streets.

Parking
Citizens are asked to park on the odd side of the street in residential areas during the snow season, which runs from Nov. 15 to March 15. The “odd” side of the street includes odd numbered addresses. Downtown on snowy days, on-street parking will be prohibited between midnight and 6 a.m. Cars may be towed downtown if not moved. For downtown parking options, call 3-1-1.

Sidewalks
Citizens and businesses must keep their sidewalks shoveled. The City is asking citizens to clear a 36-inch path to allow pedestrians to travel effectively, with a goal of completion by 9 a.m. after a snowfall. Citizens are asked to clear a pedestrian path even if no sidewalk exists, and to clear ADA ramps at intersections.

Driveway Berms
The City has snow gates in its fleet to avoid driveway berms. The gates don’t completely eliminate driveway berms, particularly for those who live on arterials that are plowed more frequently, but they will dramatically reduce berms throughout the city.

Make a Winter Plan
In advance of the snow season:

- Move your recreational vehicle, basketball hoop, boat or trailer off the street and to a winter storage location for the snow season.
- Make sure you have adequate snow shovels or a working snow blower. Consider buying some salt or sand.
- Consider signing up with a company that provides snow removal services before the snow flies if you don’t want to shovel yourself.
- Figure out where you can park throughout the snow season, from Nov. 15 to March 15. (Everyone is asked to park on the odd side of the street in residential neighborhoods.)
- Figure out what residential snow plow route you live in to make it easier to track the progress of plows.
- Make sure you know who in your neighborhood might need help with shoveling or other winter work and offer to help. Contact 3-1-1 for seniors or disabled individuals who need more help.

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