2023-2024 Snow Response Plan

Snow response is a collaboration between the City and the community. Working together, we can make winter conditions better for everyone. As a reminder, this is what you can expect:

- Snow season operations are November 15-March 15
- Weather conditions are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Priorities are arterials, hills, hospital and school routes
- Materials are located throughout the City for efficiency
- Full-City plow during heavier snowfalls takes about 3 days
- Snow gates are used to reduce snow berms in driveways
- Crews work to keep snow away from sidewalks when possible

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- I have reached out to neighbors who need help with snow removal and coordinated a plan or volunteered to help.
- I know what residential snow plow route I live in.

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Plow Progress Map

Parking
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Driveway Berms
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Plowing
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