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SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION

Maintaining safe winter driving conditions on City streets is a priority of the Seymour Streets Department. Current conditions and weather forecasts are monitored so that crews are ready before the flakes begin to fly.

Snow Removal at a Glance

- Salt is spread when the City determines the streets are in a hazardous condition, with an emphasis on hills, curves, and main intersections.
- Plowing begins when snow accumulations reach one to two inches as measured by the Streets Department.
- The City re-plows or re-spreads based on the available weather information and current street conditions.
- During a typical snowfall, priorities #1 through #3 are cleared within 24 hours after the snowfall ends and are plowed within 24 inches of the curb, unless restricted by parked vehicles

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- Crews are unable to accommodate individual requests to change the priority of street plowing.

Priority Order of Plowing Streets

1. Arterial streets
2. Primary routes
3. School zones (Typically within a 3 block radius, and if in session)
4. Remaining residential streets
5. Cul-de-sacs & Dead end roads

Typical Winter Events

- Priorities #1 through #3 are cleared first.
- Then, a snow plow is sent to each section of Seymour to simultaneously remove snow throughout the City.

Severe Winter Storms

- Priorities #1 through #3 are our focus during heavy snowfall.
- Then, a plow truck is sent to each section of Seymour, as available.
- After the snow stops falling and Priorities #1 through #3 are cleared, plow trucks are sent to each section of Seymour to simultaneously remove snow throughout the City to make an initial pass.
- After storm, crews begin to haul snow from intersections as needed.

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Why did the plow leave snow at the bottom of my driveway?

As the plow moves down the street, the snow rolls off the edge of the blade and into the gutter line. You can always expect that there will be snow at the bottom of driveways after the street is plowed, so plan ahead. It is not possible efficiently plow the street and keep driveway aprons free of snow.

What can you do about it?

You can reduce the amount of snow the plow leaves in your driveway if you are able to clear a path tight to the curb in the area before the plow reaches your driveway:

- If you can safely do so, clear a pocket of snow from the left side of your driveway as you face the road.
- The accumulated snow on the plow will dump into the pocket, and less in your driveway.

