

What can I do to help?

There are several steps community members can take to help ensure their safety during winter storm conditions, including the following:

- Do not drive unless necessary.
- Have your car adequately prepared with snow tire or chains.
- Drive at reduced speeds, brake slowly and leave extra space between vehicles.
- Maintain a safe distance from snow plowing equipment, pass plows with extreme caution, and watch for abrupt snow plow movements.
- Do not park along snow routes and in residential areas move vehicles off the street if possible.
- Help your neighbors to clear the snow in your area, and consider volunteering to help community members who are elderly or physically unable to clear their sidewalks.

For more information on Parker's snow operations, please visit www.parkeronline.org/snow.



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Snow Plowing and Removal Information

Answers to resident questions about snow and ice plowing



The Town fields many questions and complaints about snow and ice in Parker. We want to share the following information with the community as a whole.

When will my street get plowed?

The Public Works Department, which is responsible for snow plowing, has set up a priority system. However, the time required to clear the roads also depends on conditions such as the snowstorm intensity and duration, and the temperature.

Arterial roadways are our top priority and will be cleared first; these are the major roadways which carry the most volume, such as Lincoln Avenue and Jordan Road. (As a State Highway, Parker Road is maintained by the Colorado Department of Transportation.)

Our second priority is collector streets and school bus routes. These are streets which provide access to the major arterials and are used by the school buses. They will be cleared once the major roadways have been plowed.

Local residential roads and cul-de-sacs that provide traffic flow within subdivisions and access to homes are not plowed unless ten inches or more snow has fallen and continues to fall, or if major drifting has occurred.

Residents need to take precautions to ensure that their vehicles can travel in residential streets with up to 10 inches of snow. We recommend equipping your vehicle with snow tires or chains.

Why doesn't the Town plow residential streets unless the snow is 10 inches or higher?

This decision is based primarily on budgetary limitations. The Town simply doesn't have the re-

sources to clear all streets during regular snowfalls. To do more plowing, the Town would have to take resources from other services. Plowing the priority streets opens routes into all residential areas and provides access to cleared roads within a few blocks of most homes.

We understand that many of our residents have moved from warmer places and may not be familiar with driving in snowy conditions. Snow is a fact of life in Colorado and residents should make sure their vehicles are prepared for winter driving by having adequate snow tires or chains. Residents may also need to clear snow from their driveways and curbs to make them passable.

Why does the Town plow snow onto my sidewalk when I've already cleared it?

We understand that this situation frustrates many residents when it occurs. Rest assured, we do not do this intentionally. To remove snow from the streets, the snow must be moved to the side. Changing the angle of the blade would leave snow in the street. Although many residents shovel their sidewalks early, our plows often come through after that time especially in residential areas, based on our priority system. Cleanup and widening operations may take place one to four days after a storm depending on the severity of the weather. We're sorry for the inconvenience, but hope you appreciate our efforts to keep the roads passable.

What are my responsibilities regarding snow removal?

Property owners, including residents and businesses, are responsible for clearing their sidewalks of ice and snow within 48 hours after the snow has stopped falling. If the snow or ice is so hard it is difficult to remove, property owners may use sand or another abrasive material on the sidewalk to

make it reasonably safe until the weather permits clearing the walkway.

What if I'm unable to clear my sidewalks?

Parker's Community Development Department (303.841.2332) has volunteer programs to help seniors or physically challenged people who need assistance with snow removal. We're always looking for volunteers to help with these programs. Contact us at the numbers above for more information.

What can the Town do about ice that has built up on the sidewalk or around our mailbox?

We've heard from people in several areas of Town where ice has developed on sidewalks around community mailboxes. This is generally a problem when the mailbox is on the south side of the street or where solid board privacy fences and multi-story homes block the sunlight. To help with this issue, the Town is planning to plow the majority of the snow to the north side of the streets where it melts more quickly. Unfortunately, we do not have the equipment or resources to remove the ice that develops in these specific areas. We also recommend that residents use de-icing products or sand to make the areas more passable.

What if I have an emergency and my street isn't plowed?

As in any emergency, call 911. Emergency agencies are in contact with our Public Works staff during storm conditions and can ask to divert snow plowing equipment if necessary.