

WHEN IT SNOWS

When it snows, DPW employees concentrate on keeping the major County roads and primary neighborhood roads passable. These roads are cleared as soon as possible after the storm is over.

Application of materials begins as soon as snow starts to fall. Plowing begins when snow is three or more inches deep and the temperature indicates that there will be no melting. Even after plowing, snow that has been hard packed by traffic often remains on the street, where the County plows are unable to remove it completely. In this situation, salt is applied to promote melting.

After the snow stops falling, and after the major County roads and primary neighborhood roads are cleared, crews concentrate on clearing snow from all neighborhood streets and salt is applied.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT WHEN IT SNOWS:

0—6 INCHES

It takes about 8 hours following the end of a 0-6 inch snowfall to plow and/or treat every County road once.

6—12 INCHES

After a 6—12 inch snowfall, you can expect County roads to be cleared within 8 to 12 hours. At that time, one pass should have been made through all County roads.

12—18 INCHES

After a 12-18 inch snowfall, our crews will complete the work in about 12—30 hours.

18—24 INCHES

After an 18-24 inch snowfall, you can expect one pass to have been made through all County roads in 30 hours.

HOWEVER, the type of snow (wet or powdery), the temperature, and wind conditions following the storm can alter this schedule.

Please be patient! Roads are plowed according to their priority and reviewed at the end of each season. Snow fighters work around the clock until all 1055 miles of County maintained roads are passable.

We will use a force of approx. 195 employees and 150 pieces of snow removal equipment for routine snow plowing and we have available 20 additional pieces of equipment for use when conditions dictate. We store 20,000 tons of salt to get the job done.

FIRST PRIORITY

EMERGENCY ROADS

SECOND PRIORITY

MAIN ROADS

THIRD PRIORITY

SECONDARY ROADS & CUL-DE-SACS

The County is not responsible for the following:

Removing snow from driveways during normal plowing operations.

Cleaning snow around mailboxes

Redirecting manpower to open roads for people to go to work, catch a plane, return from work, doctors/medical appointments, etc.