

## Snow Removal Goals

The primary goal with our Winter Weather Planning efforts is to maintain safe travel routes during the winter season as well as restore mobility for motorists. Public Works aims to execute this within a reasonable time frame via an efficient process following winter storm conditions.

### **Who is responsible for clearing snow-filled streets?**

The city of Peoria clears most streets within the City limits. There are, however, a number of roads within the City that are the responsibility of other local government agencies.

### **When will plowing begin?**

The City's goal is to plow all of its roadways (primary as well as residential streets) of snow accumulation of **less than six inches (6") within a 36-hour period (or 48 hours for six inches (6") or more)** following the event.

### **Which streets are plowed first?**

The City has a priority plowing system so main traffic routes, such as routed primary arterials, hills, overpasses and bridges are plowed first. Lower traffic volume roadways, residential streets and cul-de-sacs are plowed after the arterial (primary) streets are clear. Residential street routes are rotated from storm to storm, so the same section is never plowed first.

### **Is there a "bare pavement" policy for residential streets?**

No, a "bare pavement" policy would increase costs and cause a negative environmental impacts.

### **Do all streets get salted?**

All main thoroughfares and primary residential streets may be brined and salted in response to snow or ice. Cul-de-sacs and residential streets are not salted.

### **Plowing cul-de-sacs:**

Peoria has about 398 cul-de-sacs and 285 dead-end streets. Cul-de-sacs are the most difficult to plow because of the limited space in which to dump snow without burying driveways, mailboxes, streetlights or fire hydrants. The increasing number of cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets has significantly increased the amount of time required to plow non-routed streets in Peoria.

### **Are there parking restrictions?**

During winter storms, parked vehicles must be moved from marked snow routes, if not, vehicles will be ticketed and towed away. **Tickets can average \$50 and can be placed every 24 hours.**



### **Who clears the sidewalks and driveways?**

Residents and property owners are responsible for both of these, but snow should be shoveled into the yard, not the street. Avoid double shoveling by waiting until your street has been plowed and, while facing the street, always shovel in the direction of traffic flow to minimize the windrow. Be sure to clear snow away from fire hydrants, meters and mailboxes.

All commercial property owners must remove snow within **24 hours** following a snow event, when accumulations are **less than six inches (6")** and within **36 hours** after **six or more inches (6")**. If another snow event occurs, the clock is "reset" to the end of the most recent snowfall.

Snow must be removed from the sidewalk to a minimum of 4-foot wide to accommodate wheelchairs, strollers and adults with children in hand.

Non-compliance could result in a civil penalty of **\$50 for sidewalks less than 200 linear feet** or **\$100 for sidewalks longer than 200 feet**.

### **Who clears other property?**

The City is responsible for all municipal and City building parking lots. Commercial property owners are responsible for clearing their parking lots.

### **Learn more:**

[peoriagov.org/public-works/winter](http://peoriagov.org/public-works/winter)



## Contact Information

### Want snow removal updates?

Call Peoria Public Works on Dries Lane at (309) 494-8830 or check our Facebook, Twitter or Nextdoor.

Plus, more updates can be found in the news and announcements section on [peoriagov.org](http://peoriagov.org).

### In case of emergency:

Always call 9-1-1 during a heavy snowfall when emergency services are needed.

For non-emergency and or medically related transportation, call the Peoria Police Department at (309) 494-8300.

Learn more on our new Winter Weather Planning page: [peoriagov.org/public-works/winter](http://peoriagov.org/public-works/winter)

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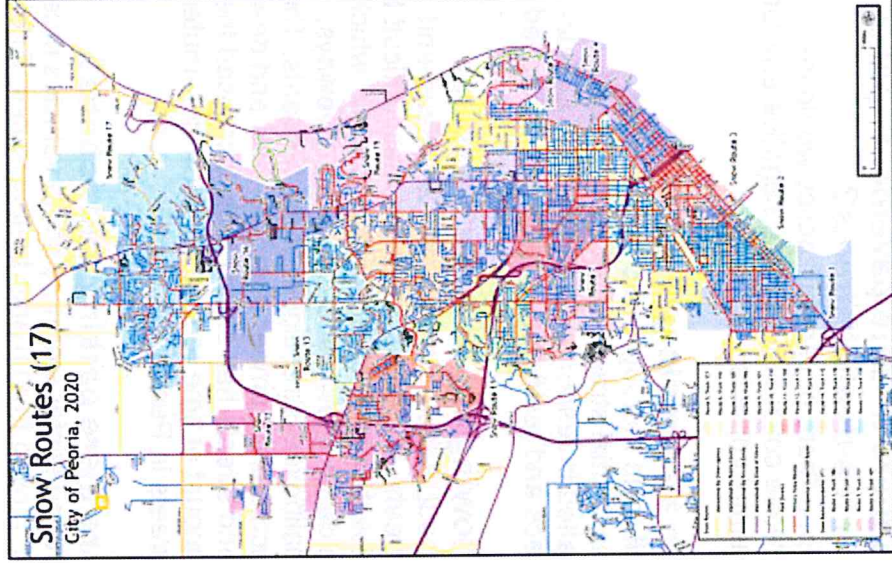
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## Snow Routes



Peoria Public Works  
3505 N. Dries Ln.  
Peoria, Ill. 61604



Hours of Operation:  
Weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(309) 494-8850

## City of Peoria Winter Weather Planning

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