



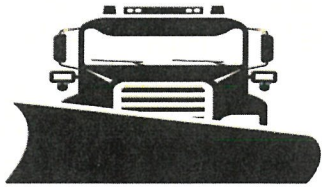
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The Crossroads of Opportunity

Safety Service Director – Snow Emergency Declared

Snow Emergencies

The City of Reading Public Works Department is responsible for the winter maintenance on all of the roads within the City. The Public Works Department begins early in preparing for and stockpiling materials for the winter months. Individual snowstorms are monitored and tracked using U.S. Weather Service and other local weather related services. With this readiness planning, road crews are able to implement an effective snow and ice removal response for the motoring public. The Public Works Department prides itself on its ability to promptly clear out streets following a normal snow fall. However, following a major snow storm (six or more inches of snow in less than 24 hours), subdivision side streets may not be cleaned as quickly as



Road crews attempt to begin winter maintenance as adverse conditions develop. The normal hours of the maintenance crews are extended during winter storms, until road conditions improve. During major snow storms, priority is given to primary roads and steep grades. The priority then shifts to subdivision streets and alleyways.

While the City of Reading is doing all it can to improve winter road maintenance, there are also some things homeowners can do to help the road crews provide the best possible service. These include:

- Remove vehicles from the street during and after snow falls.
 - Streets designated as snow emergency streets have parking restrictions during such snow emergencies. A vehicle found in violation can be towed and the owner/driver be held for all expenses incurred. The designated streets are posted and include: Reading Rd, E. Galbraith, E/W Benson St, E/W Columbia Ave, Hunt Rd, Sandborn Dr, Thurnridge Dr, Krylon Dr, West Crest Dr, Keith Dr, Waxwing Dr, and Jefferson Ave.
- Be willing/prepared to shovel at the end of your driveway after the maintenance crews plow your street. Because of sheer volume of roads to service, trucks cannot plow the ends of driveways and because of the nature of plowing, our trucks will often push snow into driveways (we don't do this intentionally and try to avoid it when possible, but it's inevitable in many cases).
- Avoid placing rocks at the edge of the road. When it snows, our drivers cannot see these and often push them into your lawn, damaging your yard and Public Works equipment.
- Avoid placing trash containers too close to the road while snow removal is taking place.
- Help clear snow around any fire hydrant that might be located on or near your property.
- Homeowners should also know that shoveling or plowing snow into the roadway is illegal.