Draper City Snow Removal Policies - Winter 2020

Winter storms can impact travel conditions and the community during snow events. Our goal at Draper City is to do all we can to reduce the impacts on our residents by making the roads as safe as possible during snow conditions. The city’s objective is to plow the main roads and make them passable so that residents can safely navigate the roadways. Snow removal information is provided below to help residents and the Public Works Department work together to keep the roads as safe as possible.

SNOW REMOVAL
Draper City snow removal crews are prepared to remove snow from November 1st to April 30th, 24 hours a day. There is a priority schedule for how the roads are plowed.

Priority 1:
High traffic roadways, school zones, hills, arterial and collector roads receive top plowing priority. As long as the snow keeps falling, the city’s number one priority is to keep the main roads open and passable. Once these streets are clear, crews proceed to second and third priority streets.

Priority 2:
Streets through residential subdivisions including roads that connect back to a collector street. Since crews have to clear priority streets first, residential streets may not be plowed until after the snowstorm has subsided.

Priority 3:
Cul-de-sacs, circles and dead-end streets have the lowest priority of snow removal and will be cleared last. This could be 48 hours after a major storm ends. Please be patient as it may take a little longer to reach every street.

Private lanes and private streets are not plowed by Draper City.

CLEARING SIDEWALKS
It is important to remove the snow from sidewalks for the safety of school children, the elderly and the general public. Draper City ordinance states that property owners are required to remove the snow from their bordering sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow ceases to fall. This includes corner properties. Your help in the removal of the snow from sidewalks is greatly appreciated! Draper City Municipal Code Section 7-13-030.

If you live on a corner lot, you are required to shovel the corner sidewalks.

You can be fined for not removing the snow from the sidewalks adjacent to your property. This is a City Ordinance. However, the City tries to work with residents and encourage proper snow removal.

CLEARING DRIVEWAYS

Blowing, throwing or pushing snow from driveways and walkways into the street creates a traffic hazard and is a Draper City Code violation. Removed snow should be placed onto landscaped areas instead. Draper City Municipal Code 7-13-030.

One of the last steps in any snow plowing operation is to push the edges back to widen the road and allow for future snow storage. Snow will be plowed into the driveways as snowplows perform curb to curb plowing. Crews may push snow back into your recently cleared driveway. This is an unavoidable occurrence of snow removal efforts because snowplow operators cannot lift plow blades as they pass a driveway. You may wish to clear your driveway several times during a storm or wait until the storm and plowing activities have ended.

ON-STREET WINTER PARKING
In order to facilitate snow removal and allow room for the snow plows, residents are not permitted to park a vehicle or trailer on the street from November 15th through April 15th between the hours of 1:00 am and 6:00 am. (Draper City Municipal Code 14-5-010)

The Police Department may issue a parking citation and/or have the vehicle towed at the owner’s expense. To report parking violations in your area contact the Draper City Police Department at 801-940-4000.

GARBAGE/RECYCLE BIN PLACEMENT
On trash day, the optimal location for your trash or recycling containers is to place them at the end of the curb or driveway. Please remove the containers as soon as possible so the snow plow don’t have to go around them.

MAIL BOXES
To ensure regular mail delivery by the U.S. Postal Service, residents need to clear snow around their mailbox.

To prevent any damage to your mailbox, make sure your mailbox is properly installed to withstand snow-clearing efforts and dig out the snow so your mailbox can be easily seen.

If your mailbox, landscaping or fence has been damaged by direct contact with a City snowplow or City sidewalk plow, contact Public Works at 576-6557.

KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR FOR FIRE SAFETY
It is extremely important to keep the fire hydrant on your property accessible to assist fire crews in the event of an emergency. It is the responsibility of the homeowner who has a fire hydrant on their property to keep the hydrant clear of snow at all times.

The winter storms in Draper vary in intensity, and some years we get buried with snow up in SunCrest. Winter brings a variety of obstacles for firefighters including: icy streets, icy steps, frozen hose lines, freezing temperatures and fire hydrants hidden beneath the snow. The last thing anyone wants in an emergency is for the firefighters to have to dig to find the fire hydrant.

Remember to:
- Remove all snow and ice from the hydrant. This ensures the hydrant is clearly visible and completely accessible.
- Clear at least three feet of snow all the way around the hydrant. This gives firefighters full access to all parts of the hydrants.
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street. This allows firefighters to get in and out easily and quickly.

GARAGE/KITCHEN STORAGE
Storage on the side of your driveway or park strip should be cleared of snow back into your recently cleared driveway as snowplows perform curb to curb plowing. Crews may put snowplow service, make sure the contractor is licensed and complies with the City Municipal Code.

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Draper City Winter Parking Hours
No parking vehicles or trailers on city streets from November 15 through April 15, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Per Draper City Municipal Code 14-5-010 (Ord. 8th, 2-3-2018).

Thank you from your Draper City Public Works Department.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS AND WEATHER INFORMATION
For daily weather conditions, special weather bulletins, road conditions and more general information on snow removal, tune in to NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information, 24 hours a day. For Salt Lake Valley, tune to 162.550 KECB.

Emergency 9-1-1 (Fire, Police, Ambulance - Life Threatening)
Police Dispatch (801) 840-4000 (Non-Life Threatening)
City Snow Removal (801) 576-6557 (7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.)
On-Call After Hours (801) 831-7195
Draper City Police (801) 576-6300
Draper City Main Line (801) 576-6500
Utah Road Conditions 5-1-1

Thank you from your Draper City Public Works Department.