

## **Caldwell Street Department Snow Plowing Policy**

Purpose: The primary responsibility of the City Street crews is to attempt to mitigate hazardous driving conditions do to inclement weather to areas and facilities of town that will benefit the highest number of our driving public within the capabilities of personnel and equipment available. In order to accomplish this task in an orderly and fiscally responsible manner, the following policy shall apply:

1. Snow plowing operations will commence only after an average of four to six inches of snow has accumulated on the ground.
2. Emergency operations on snow depths less than four to six inches shall be limited to sanding intersections, hills, school streets, and the area around the hospital.
3. Priority for plowing snow shall be in the following order:
  - a. Major streets
  - b. Perimeter streets around schools and hospital
  - c. School bus routes
  - d. Downtown
  - e. Airport
  - f. Residential through streets\*\*
  - g. Dead-end or cul-de-sac streets\*\*

\*\*Residential streets shall not be plowed until the depth of snow exceeds eight to ten inches. Plow width shall be limited to the minimum required for two-way travel.
4. Maintenance or snow removal from driveways, sidewalks, mailboxes, or any vehicle parked in the street, after any plowing operation shall be the responsibility of the property owner.
5. Outside private assistance will be obtained only after City personnel have been shifted into an overtime mode of operation and it appears that the above criteria will not be able to be met for a period exceeding 24 hours.
6. Snow in the downtown shall be removed after all other priorities have been met. (Outside assistance for downtown snow removal shall be used only after formal authorization from the Mayor.)

At this stage, limited clearing of alleys downtown shall be performed in order to provide for drainage and refuse removal that could develop into a property, health, or safety hazard.