

# **Snow & Ice Response – we're all part of the 'plan' for winter weather**

## **City of DuPont Snow and Ice Removal:**

**Snow plowing:** Public Works crews will focus on clearing snow from priority roads first, which include our main arterials, bus routes, designated emergency routes, and hills/steep slopes. We try to have all roads cleared as quickly as possible, however, the time required to address all primary and secondary routes will depend on the intensity of a given snow storm event and how much snow or ice accumulates on the roadways. Crews are scheduled or called in to respond to a snow storm event. All available trucks are put to work during adverse weather conditions.

**Ice Control:** Sanding begins when icy conditions warrant application of traction assistance to the road surface. Sand/granular ice melt is generally applied only on hills, near intersections, or where requested by police to address specific problem areas. When a snow or ice event is in the forecast, and conditions allow, crews apply a salt-brine solution to hills and primary access routes as a preventative measure to limit potential for ice to form on roads. Snowplowing starts on primary routes/hills when two or more inches of snow accumulate to minimize ice formation.

## **Residents and drivers can help by using the following information:**

1. **Be Prepared.** Prepare for winter conditions - before they happen. Give your family emergency plans, your home, and your vehicle a winter weather check up before the storm.
2. **Park all vehicles off streets, until the snow is removed.** Vehicles parked along streets makes plowing difficult and may slow snow removal efforts. Ridges of snow may build up around vehicles parked on streets may freeze and be more difficult to remove later.
3. **Give snow plows and sanding/deicing vehicles plenty of room.** Don't follow too closely and don't pass these vehicles if you can avoid it – the snow and ice control vehicles and equipment are out working to help make the roads safer. Be patient.
4. **Be aware of road conditions, drive cautious, and drive defensively.** Salt/sand trucks will generally only be used on hills and intersections. Other areas may remain icy. Slow down and increase the distance from the vehicle in front you. Four-wheel drive vehicles may help gain traction to get going, but once you start sliding, they're no better than any other vehicle.
5. **Clear snow from sidewalks as soon as possible.** This helps to keep walks usable and helps prevent snow accumulations from later turning to ice which can be difficult to walk on or hazardous, and may cause pedestrians to walk in the street.
6. **Do not place snow removed from driveways or walks onto the street.** Place shoveled snow into front yards or the area between the curb and the sidewalk, away from sidewalks and streets. This helps to keep roadways clear and avoids slowing or blocking of drainage.
7. **Be a good neighbor. Volunteer your services.** Check in with your neighbors. Help your neighbors who can't clear their own driveways and sidewalks. Help by removing snow from around the hydrants near your home. Help keep curb gutters and storm drains clear to avoid blocking drainage for melting snow and ice. There's a little something that everyone can do.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 253-912-5381. In case of an emergency, dial 911.