

Hanover Snow Removal 101

It's that time of year again.... Snow will be falling, Public Works staff will be plowing and residents will be shoveling. Here's what you need to know about snow removal in the City of Hanover.

When does snowplowing occur and what do residents need to do?

Snowplowing will occur when snow starts to accumulate and there is continual snowfall; drifting snow is causing travel issues; icing and /or freezing rain is causing travel issues; or the timing of the snowfall occurs when there will be heavy use of the streets. Should the weather become worse and endangers the safety of the staff and equipment, plowing may be stopped. Usually in that case, residents are not traveling either.

The most important thing residents can do is to **park in the driveway and not on the street!** From November 1st to April 1st of the following year the Snowbird Ordinance is in effect which prohibits parking on the street between the hours of 2 am and 6 am. There is also no parking during any type of snow event. When cars are parked on the street, it makes it difficult for the plows to cleanly clear the streets. Violators will be towed.

What are the other responsibilities of the residents?

The following is requested of Hanover residents:

- **DO NOT** plow, push or blow snow onto or across the street. This is a Minnesota State Statute.
- Be patient--plowing and sanding take time.
- Do not crowd the plow! Expect the snow removal equipment to back up frequently.
- **Keep garbage and recycling containers in the driveway and off the streets!**
- Clean snow away from mailboxes and fire hydrants.
- Sprinkler heads, decorative rock, landscaping items and anything else are not allowed in the right of way. The City is not responsible for any damage to items that are in the right of way.
- If residents have stored the fiberglass driveway markers that Public Works put out on street curbs to guide the plows, please put them back along the curb line before the ground freezes.



Plow Routes

The City of Hanover has three entities that plow the roads: Hennepin County plows the county roads on the Hennepin side of Hanover; Wright County plows the county roads on the Wright side of Hanover; and Hanover Public Works plows the streets within Hanover. The plow routes are prioritized based on street function, traffic volume and safety. The Hanover Fire Hall and major collector roads are plowed first, followed by streets providing access to commercial businesses, high density neighborhoods, and City Hall. Next are the low volume residential streets and opening cul-de-sacs. The fourth priority includes other City parking lots, curb-to-curb snow removal, and cleaning of cul-de-sacs. The trails are the last to be plowed and this usually happens a day or two after the snow event. A map of the routes and their priority status can be found full-sized on the City's website under Snowplowing Policy.

