

We all enjoy residing in beautiful Cache Valley and snow is a reality of living here. Hyde Park City's Public Works Department has a goal to provide safe and clear roadways as soon as possible after a snowstorm. This flyer addresses frequently asked questions and problems we encounter. Please read it to see what you can do to help yourself and our crews this winter.

Priorities

All city streets have been categorized according to priority. The highest priority is given to arterial roads, which include school bus routes, hills and main roads going from town. Collector roads are the next priority and cul-de-sacs and parking lots after. During major storms only the highest priority roads will be maintained until the storm subsides and crews are able to move onto secondary roads.

Cul-de-sacs

There are several cul-de-sacs in Hyde Park and more are added each year. Please understand that the low amount of traffic in cul-de-sacs means that they are lower priority. Depending on the intensity and duration of the storm, we start on cul-de-sacs once the arterial roads are cleared and we've moved onto collector roads. Cul-de-sacs have limited space so they could be plowed with our smaller equipment, such as backhoes. Limited space also means that if there are cars parked on the street, the cul-de-sac might not be plowed because our equipment cannot maneuver around the cars. Also, there is limited space to pile snow, so it will end up on everyone's park strip. Some will get more than others.

Be aware of our equipment

A loaded snowplow weighs as much as 10 small cars. They need more room to stop, especially during storms. Even if you have the right of way, the plow might not be able to stop if you pull out in front of them. Please wait a few more seconds and let the plow go by before pulling out (you'll have a nice plowed surface to drive on, too). The plows spread salt out the back, so be sure to allow at least 50 feet between you and the plow so that your vehicle is not damaged by flying material, nor does it impede the application of salt. Also, do not follow a plow uphill because they can slide back down the hill. Wait until you see it reach the top, then proceed. Do not allow children to play near the street while plows are out. Do not build snow

forts near the street because a snowplow can cause the fort to collapse.

Vehicles and garbage cans in the road

Cars and garbage cans are the #1 obstacle for snowplow operators. It is against Hyde Park City Ordinance 2015-03 to park a vehicle on any street or city owned parking lot between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. from November 1 to March 31. Please note that it is the local resident's responsibility to inform out of town guests about parking regulations.

Also, please do not put your garbage and recycling cans out until the morning of your collection day and remove them from the street that evening. Keeping the road clear of vehicles and garbage cans will help our operators clear the entire roadway, which is crucial in preventing snow and ice buildup.

Sidewalks

As a courtesy to your neighbors and others, please keep the sidewalk in front of your home or business free of snow and ice. Hyde Park City ordinance 11.30.280 requires residents and business owners to maintain and clear the sidewalk in front of their property.

Do not throw snow back into the road

It is against Hyde Park City ordinance 11.30.290 to throw or push snow into the street with a snow blower, 4-wheeler, shovel or any other means. This creates dangerous bumps in the road that can turn into ice, causing accidents and property damage for citizens and snowplow operators. It is also against the law to throw things at snowplows.

Note to Contractors

Contractors pushing parking lots for schools, churches, businesses etc., need to be aware that the snow from that area must stay on that property. Do not push snow out into the road or onto someone else's property. Contractors must have a business license.

The bottom line

The bottom line is that we do the best job we can to provide clear and safe driving conditions for citizens. Every storm is different, but our goal for each one is to provide timely and effective service. With your cooperation, we can make this winter's snow removal a success.