



## City of Portage Snow Plow Policy



We have approximately 11,000 residential units and over 1,000 businesses and 150 plus miles throughout the City of Portage with entrances and driveways along every roadway. Each truck is assigned to a snow zone or designated area. Plow trucks do not pick up or remove snow from the street. This equipment is designed to push snow to the side. This is an unavoidable situation of plowing snow in front

of driveways in order to open all roads for public access.

Our number one priority is main roads, which are considered streets mostly used to travel to schools, grocery stores, gas stations, doctors offices and hospitals. Main roads are plowed and salted first for this reason.

After the last snow flake falls and plow drivers see their main roads are acceptable for safe travel, they will then plow subdivisions to clear secondary streets.

The last to be plowed is the 300 cul-de-sacs throughout the city. The reason cul-de-sacs are so time consuming is due to snow storage limitations. When plowing cul-de-sacs our procedure is to clear the cul-de-sac without blocking driveways and mailboxes with mounds of snow. This process can be time consuming.

We ask that all residents work with us in making our job easier by remembering to comply with the cities no parking on streets after 2 inches of snowfall ordinance. We also ask that residents refrain from shoveling their snow into the streets, which creates a road hazard.



Remember, we have many miles of road which takes 3-4 swipes to open a street depending on the volume of snow. Your street department usually can clear all roads 16 to 24 hours after the end of a snow event as long as there are no unforeseen equipment failures or continued deteriorating weather conditions.

Thank you for your full cooperation in helping us keep our roads safe.

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