

Snow Removal Policy

The Department of Public Works is responsible for providing snow and ice control for all Fishers dedicated streets, the Police and Fire Departments and the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation (HSE). Snow and ice control is considered emergency work in that pavement must be cleared any time of the day or night.

The chief goal of the Department of Public Works is to make all of the public right-of-ways safe and accessible during the winter season and to ensure access is available at all times to the Fishers Police Department, the various Fishers Fire Stations and schools owned by HSE. Because of the potential unsafe driving conditions caused by snow, wind and freezing temperatures additional caution is advised when using City streets during the winter season.

In accordance with the guidelines set herein, the Department of Public Works objective is to make all major thoroughfares, secondary roads, local streets, cul-de-sacs as well as all emergency service properties safe and accessible for vehicles after a storm. The Department of Public Works will be proactive and pre-treat the roadways when possible. Fishers City Hall Complex will be open and accessible for all emergency vehicles at all times. During and after the storm, all streets will not necessarily be completely cleared of snow and ice as some streets may be snow packed and snow can be expected to accumulate adjacent to the traveled portion of a road. As a result motorist's sight distance may be reduced or impaired and caution is advised.

City streets have been divided into four categories which determine the priority and level of service. The categories are as follows: Major thoroughfares, secondary streets, local streets and cul-de-sacs. Major thoroughfares are roads that facilitate traffic coming into and through the City. The following roads have been designated as major thoroughfares:

- Thomas A. Weaver Municipal Complex (City Hall)
- Allisonville Road
- 96th Street
- 106th Street
- 116th Street
- 126th Street
- Waterway Blvd
- 121st Street
- 131st Street
- 136th Street
- 141st Street
- Cyntheanne Road
- Eller Road
- Hague Road
- Lantern Road
- Cumberland Road
- Mollenkopf Road
- Howe Road
- Promise Road
- Hoosier Road
- Marilyn Road
- Brooks School Road

Secondary Routes are feeder roads that distribute traffic towards the local streets and cul-de-sacs. The following roads have been designated as secondary routes:

- Ellipse Pkwy
- Sunblest Blvd
- Technology Dr

- Duval Dr
- Eller Rd
- Crosspoint Blvd
- Fishers Pointe Blvd
- Springstone Road
- Windemere Blvd
- Hamilton Pass
- Avalon Blvd
- Royalwood Dr
- Waterway Blvd
- Midnight Pass
- Brixton Lane
- Kittery Dr
- Harrison Pkwy
- Providence Dr
- Orange Blossom trl
- Watercrest Dr
- Jennings Farm Lane
- Creektree Lane
- Holland Dr
- Orchard Blvd
- Fishers Corner Blvd
- Conner Knoll Pkwy
- Deering St
- Spyglass Ridge Dr
- Lake Stone Lane
- Raiders Blvd
- Packers Ave
- Dekoven Dr
- Thames Dr
- Weathered Edge Dr
- Hambill Blvd
- Bird Key Blvd
- Gatwick View Dr
- Driftstone Dr
- Gray Eagle Dr
- Chappelwood Ln

All other streets are to be considered local streets and cul-de-sacs. These designations are the majority of the streets in Fishers which serve residential developments.

The Department of Public Works developed a procedure to perform snow and ice operations of all varying weather conditions. As each snow event dictates Fishers will utilize all available personnel and resources. To fully utilize resources, the Department of Public Works shall utilize seasonal staff to keep all plowing assets on the roadways.

Fishers' policy shall be that if the snow event is significant enough that all snow cannot be removed during normal working hours City personnel shall be divided and placed on two twelve (12) hour shifts. The two twelve (12) hour shifts will remain in effect until all roads are free and clear of snow and ice.

It can be expected that snow will be plowed into driveways along the thru streets and cul-de-sacs as a normal part of snow removal operations. Attempts will be made to keep excessive amounts from accumulating; however, each driveway will receive a certain amount of snow. The City asks that residents do not blow or shovel snow into streets that have already been plowed. In the residential areas under construction the City will only plow streets that have had the surface asphalt placed.

Ice control material will be used whenever hazardous conditions exist because of ice or snow. Our guideline for using ice control materials is as follows:

1. Apply ice control materials to intersections on our major thoroughfares, where cross pipes exist and bridges.
2. After these locations have been salted then apply ice control material throughout entire length of our major thoroughfares.

3. Once all intersections and entire major thoroughfares have been salted use ice control material on as need basis to maintain safe driving conditions.

4. Our department does not apply ice control measures in sub-divisions unless there are known conditions that exist such as roadways with significant elevation changes, severe bends or blind intersections.

5. In addition to the previous ice control methods, a salt water brine solution will be applied to most streets prior to any substantial snow/ice event. The brine will act as a release layer between the snow/ice and the street.

NO DUTY OR RIGHT CREATED

The purpose of this policy is to establish goals and information for the citizens and employees of the City of Fishers regarding snow and ice control. This is not to be construed to create any duty to any individual, person or entity. This policy does not provide any special protection or services to any particular individual or group of individuals. No additional rights shall be granted any individual or entity simply by adoption and enforcement of this policy. This policy may be affected in total or in part due to equipment breakdown, weather conditions, inadequacy of equipment, state or federal regulations, shortage of personnel, and any other unforeseen, uncontrolled or unanticipated acts.