



Department of Public Works

Policy - Snow and Ice Control

The policy of the City of O'Fallon is to provide snow and ice control on roadway pavements in a safe, timely and cost-efficient manner for its citizens. The following priorities for pavement treatment are set according to public safety needs:

Priority-

1. Emergency vehicle access to designated "Snow Routes."
2. "Snow Routes" as recommended by the Department of Public Works in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the Fire Department and adopted by City Council.
3. Roadway surfaces serving City, Township, County, State and Federal Facilities.
4. Roadway surfaces serving Schools.
5. Major intersections.
6. Secondary arterial connectors as recommended by Public Works in consultation with Public Safety and Fire and adopted by City Council.
7. Subdivision through streets.

During ice or snow conditions, Public Works will apply de-icers and plow snow based on the following criteria:

1. After-hour callouts for snow and ice control operations will only be made after a Public Safety Supervisor consults with a member of the Public Works Operations Management Team, which includes the Public Works Supervisor, Public Works Operations Manager and Public Works Utilities Supervisor, in that order of call preference. If these individuals are unavailable for consultation, the chain of command then proceeds to the Public Works Director and Public Works Engineering Manager.
2. When snow or ice conditions exist and a Public Safety Supervisor requests Public Works to respond, de-icer will be applied to the pavements as described above in priority order, and will limit that treatment to only the areas requested by Public Safety, unless a Public Works Supervisor authorizes additional treatment.
3. Depending on the pavement conditions and forecast, snow plowing will commence when 2 inches of snow accumulates.
4. When Priority 1 and 2 pavements have been addressed, plowing and de-icing may be terminated by direction of a Public Works Supervisor based on pavement conditions and weather forecast.
5. If pavement beyond Priority 1 and 2 pavements need to be addressed due to conditions and forecast, the Department will address Priority 3 through 6 pavements, plowing and de-icing may be terminated by direction of a Public Works Supervisor based on pavement conditions and weather forecast.
6. Subdivision through streets will only be addressed if snowfall accumulation exceeds depths of 4 inches or more.

In creation of this policy, it must be noted that the motoring public's responsibility by law is to heed the weather and roadway conditions at all times and make appropriate accommodations for them. No governmental unit has the resources to go beyond a reasonable effort to keep its pavements clear due to seasonal and weather-induced conditions.

Exception: The Mayor or City Administrator may direct Department personnel to treat ice and remove snow at other locations dependent upon unique conditions that affect citizens' safety.