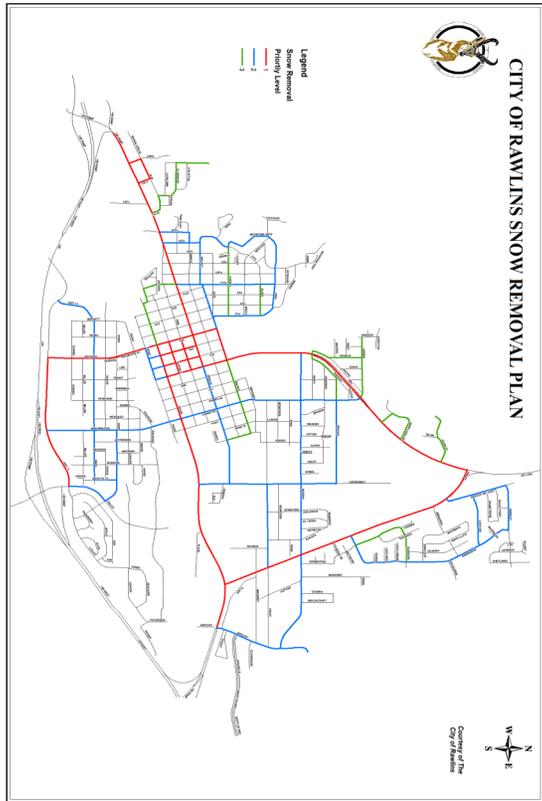


# SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES MAP



- #1: All main arterials; emergency routes.**
- #2: All remaining arterials, bus routes, schools**
- #3: All other selected collectors**

## CITY OF RAWLINS

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For additional information, or to view the complete snow removal plan and a full size map, visit our website at

[www.rawlins-wyoming.com](http://www.rawlins-wyoming.com)

Complete snow removal plans are also available at the Public Works Department or City Hall at 521 W. Cedar St.

# CITY OF RAWLINS SNOW REMOVAL

2017-2018



## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STREET DIVISION**

**Telephone numbers for snow removal  
and operations:**

**307-328-4599 M-F 8:00-5:00**

**After hours and week-ends:**

**307-328-4530**

**E-mail: [pbworks@rawlins-wyoming.com](mailto:pbworks@rawlins-wyoming.com)**



**SNOW CONTROL OPERATIONS  
STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES  
AND PRIORITIES**

A snow control plan has been developed to facilitate the safe and orderly movement of emergency equipment, vehicular traffic, and pedestrians. The snow control plan relating to street maintenance is outlined below.

The following priorities establish the level of snow removal to be expected for streets in that priority level. (See map on back)

**#1. All main arterials considered to be the minimum network, which must be kept open to provide a transportation system connecting the hospital, fire stations, police station, and other essential emergency services.**

**#2. All remaining arterials, selected collectors and bus routes, and around schools.**

**#3. All other selected collectors completing the network covering major traffic volume streets and selected "hot spots" such as intersections, hills, and streets that typically drift shut under windy conditions.**

Rawlins has approximately 85 miles of streets. For snow removal, they are divided into the above categories. Except for very unusual conditions or emergencies, streets or segments of streets are assigned to one of the prioritized categories. Residential streets may not receive regular winter maintenance. If snow accumulation completely blocks traffic movement, the residential streets will be plowed as soon as time allows.

Parking on streets may be temporarily restricted if interfere with plowing, sanding, or snow removal operations.



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## **SNOW EMERGENCY:**

### What is it?

During snow emergencies, a special "No Parking" ban goes into effect on selected City streets. This is the most effective way to provide access for effective snow control operations. Posted Snow Emergency Routes, main arteries and the central business district are plowed first. Vehicles parked on a posted snow route during emergency conditions may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Adherence to the Emergency Snow Route parking restriction is greatly appreciated.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Opening of driveways and sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner. We ask the citizens of Rawlins to be patient and recognize that during blizzards, there is bound to be some temporary inconveniences.

***It is illegal for private persons to place, dump, or push snow into City streets or rights-of-way from adjacent properties.***

#### **PARKED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES**

The City of Rawlins does have posted snow routes and will enforce Chapter 10.81 of the Rawlins Municipal Code.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

\*During a snowstorm, you can help City crews by not parking along Snow Emergency Routes

\*Equip your vehicle with snow tires or chains to improve traction. Remember to brake slowly.

\*During times of poor road conditions, allow extra room between yourself and the vehicle ahead of you.

\*During times of reduced visibility, watch for bicycles, disabled or elderly, and other pedestrians.

\*Be patient. Drive at reduced speed and allow more travel time to reach your destination.

\*Be considerate of your friends and neighbors. Remove snow from your sidewalks.

\*Give snow removal personnel and equipment time and room to do their job.



## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**❄️ Why don't your drivers plow the snow down to the pavement?**

The Streets Division uses "gravity" plows mounted to the trucks we use during the rest of the year. These plows tend to ride on top of the snow pack. In addition, "bare" pavement snow removal tends to damage water valves, manholes, pavement and pavement markings. It can also be hazardous to the operator.

**❄️ It seems like we're always plowed last. Why can't we be first sometimes?**

We follow the snow removal priority plan. We do start and stop at the same location. We ask our drivers to alter their routes if conditions permit.

**❄️ When is it OK to park on my street again after it's been plowed?**

You can park in any permitted parking area as soon as the snow has been plowed to the curb or it's full operation width. It may take more than one pass of the plows to complete the job.

**❄️ Why don't you just tow the cars off the street that don't observe the snow emergency parking ban?**

It's very time consuming, it involves the Street Division, Police Department, a towing contractor and considerable paper work. If there's a car on your street that's never moved, call the Police Department at 328-4530.

**❄️ Who can I call if I've got a complaint or request?**

For the quickest response for snow plowing or sanding questions, call 328-4599. After hours, call the Police Department at 328-4530.

**❄️ Can't the City remove the snow they put in my driveway?**

It's too costly and time consuming. Our primary duty is to keep the main roadways open.

**❄️ What can you do to get the public to shovel their sidewalks?**

The City requests and encourages property owners to shovel their sidewalks. If you do see an unshoveled sidewalk that is dangerous, please ask the owner to shovel the walk.

***In the last few years, many people have bought "ATV's" with plow attachments. Please don't plow snow into the streets. It's dangerous for you, City personnel, and traffic. It generally creates a hazardous condition by creating humps in the road, which make snow removal difficult and can cause vehicles to lose control. We have asked the Police Department to actively enforce the prohibition against plowing snow into the streets. It is for your protection!***