

CITY OF GRANT

Resolution No. 2014-07

Snow Plowing Policy

It is the policy of the City of Grant that City roads will be plowed and passable in a timely fashion based on the budgeted tools available to the City. Snow and ice control operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of personnel and equipment. For larger snowfall events, it may be necessary for the City, or its contractors, to suspend plowing operations to allow personnel adequate time for rest. Operations may also be suspended for extreme/severe weather conditions, limited visibility, or equipment limitations. The City shall utilize its discretion in directing plowing activities and shall consult with its contractors to determine whether plowing and clearing activities are appropriate.

Generally, the City will begin plowing upon confirmation of two (2) inches of snowfall. For smaller snowfall events (less than 4 inches), the City may wait until the snowfall has stopped prior to the start of plowing and clearing operations.

Based upon site conditions, the City may:

1. Prioritize snow plowing and ice control routes.
2. Complete snow plowing and ice control routes based on weather conditions and forecast.
3. Use equipment appropriate to the condition of the roads and severity of snow/ice event.

Residents are reminded that Grant is a rural residential city with agricultural fields, which encourage snow drifting. Regardless of the extent of plowing and clearing, residents are encouraged to take great caution in traveling roads which are bordered by large agricultural plots of open land.

Right-of-way

The intent of the right-of-way is to provide room for snow storage, private utilities, signage, and other City uses. However, mailboxes and newspaper receptacles are required within this area. Other private structures are not allowed.

Mailbox Repair

Mailboxes and posts should be constructed sturdily enough to withstand the impact of snow and ice from a plow.

The City will compensate a property owner up to \$50 to repair a damaged mailbox only if it is the result of City plow equipment hitting the mailbox. Damage resulting from the impact of snow and ice from the plow is the responsibility of the property owner.

Trash & Recycle Bins

The City will assume no responsibility for damage to trash or recycling containers. Containers awaiting pickup should be at least four (4) feet beyond the edge of the roadway.

Snow Removal from Driveways

City residents are reminded that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways into or across city, county, and/or state roads. This is a violation of Minnesota Statue 160.2715. Pushing snow across roadways produces conditions that are dangerous to public safety.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2014 by resolution of the Grant City Council.