




**CITY OF ELKO  
SNOW AND ICE POLICY**

<b>PRIORITIES</b>	<b>PRE TREATMENT/SANDING</b>	<b>SNOW PLOWING</b>
<p><b>PRIORITY 1:</b> All main arterials considered to be the minimum network which must be kept open to provide a transportation system connecting the hospital, police, fire, schools, and designated neighborhoods.</p> <p><b>PRIORITY 2:</b> All other selected collectors completing the network covering the major traffic volume streets and selected “hot spots” such as intersections and hills.</p> <p><b>PRIORITY 3:</b> all remaining streets, such as local and residential streets. <i>PRIORITY 3 STREETS DO NOT RECEIVE REGULAR WINTER MAINTENANCE.</i></p>	<p>Prior to storms, and when conditions are favorable, the City will pre-treat the main plow route with a liquid anti/deicing agent in an effort to prevent ice from bonding with the road surface and build up. During and after a storm the City will also treat with salt/sand, or an alternative solid deicing product to mitigate slick conditions.</p> 	<p>Snow will be plowed to the side of the street in order to better manage snow events, to save taxpayer dollars by utilizing more efficient procedures, and to minimize the adverse effect melting snow has on the life of our streets. Snow will only be hauled when the City deems it necessary to improve visibility, drainage and parking, or in areas where snow storage is limited. Other methods of snow and ice control, if deemed reasonable and necessary, will be utilized. One method may be “slushing” which brings snow back and forth across the travel way to utilize movement, friction, and vehicular traffic to melt the snow.</p>

<b>TIPS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be prepared for winter weather. Watch the weather outlook and park off the street before a storm. If you must park in the street, try to coordinate with your neighbors and alternately park on the same side of the street.</li> <li>• When you shovel driveways, pile the snow to the right-hand side of your driveway when facing the street. This way the snow you just shoveled will not be pushed back into your driveway by the snow plows.</li> <li>• Make sure your vehicle is properly equipped for winter driving conditions.</li> <li>• Please remove trailers and recreational vehicles from on street parking to allow the crews to plow the streets as wide as possible.</li> <li>• Do not blow or shove the snow into the street, it is a traffic safety hazard and you could become liable if it causes an accident.</li> <li>• Store shoveled snow on your landscaped areas. Do not pile snow in the gutter as it will cause drainage problems.</li> <li>• Clear snow from around fire hydrants and be careful you do not block hydrants when you shovel snow.</li> </ul>



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<b>FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS</b>
<p>How many miles of streets are in the City of Elko?</p>	<p>The City of Elko has approximately 200 lane miles of priority 1 streets.</p>
<p>Why doesn't my street get plowed?</p>	<p>The City of Elko concentrates first on all main arterial streets which provide a transportation system connecting the hospital, police, fire and schools, followed by known hazardous areas (hills) and collector street intersections within commercial and residential areas, then remaining street intersections and trouble spots. Residential streets with a relatively low volume of traffic, will not receive regular winter maintenance. It is to be emphasized that plowing of priority 3 streets may not occur at all. However, emergency situations will be responded to.</p>
<p>Why does it seem to take so long to get the City's streets plowed?</p>	<p>City streets take longer to plow than rural roads because of the nature of living in a City. Snowplows have to dodge traffic; work around parked cars; keep an eye out for pedestrians; avoid road hazards, i.e., manhole covers, dips, intersections, etc. and cannot travel at the higher rates of speed that rural roads allow.</p>
<p>What proactive measures does the City take in regard to snow removal?</p>	<p>The City checks the weather on the Internet and also contacts the local National Weather Service Office for weather advisories. Pre-treatment is applied prior to a storm as needed. Sanders are filled and plow equipment is kept fueled and ready. The City Street Department employs eight full-time operators.</p>
<p>Who else plows snow from the streets in the City?</p>	<p>Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is responsible for maintaining 5<sup>th</sup> Street south of Idaho Street, Lamoille Highway, Mountain City Highway, and Idaho Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Street west to Mountain City Highway. The City of Elko is responsible for all other streets located within the City limits.</p>

*Snow falls everywhere! Be prepared, be patient, slow down and maintain distance to avoid collisions!*