

Aberdeen Snow Removal

Progression of Activities relating to a typical 3” or greater snowfall event

(Please refer to the Aberdeen Snow Removal Map and Information Sheet for more specific details)

Snow removal for the entire city doesn't usually start until after snowfall or high winds cease. During a multi-day blizzard or heavy snow event the city will attempt to plow snow emergency arterials routes every day.

The first step relating to a citywide snow removal is the announcement of a SNOW REMOVAL ALERT. This announcement is made before 6:00 a.m., on a minimum of two local radio stations prior to start of operations. Local stations that have assisted the city with the snow removal alerts are KNBZ FM 97.7, KBFO FM 106.7, KABD FM 107.7, KMOM FM 105.5, KSDN AM 930 and KGIM AM 1420. The Aberdeen American News will also be utilized to communicate the Snow Removal Alert if publication time permits. Vehicles that remain parked or abandoned on Aberdeen arterial snow emergency routes after 6:00 a.m. and all other streets and avenues after 8:00 a.m. are subject to being ticked or towed after a snow removal alert.

A minimum of two days is needed to complete an entire citywide cleanup after a storm event. The priority of the city is to open all streets and avenues for travel before addressing finish work like cleaning intersections and removing snow from boulevard areas. The city crews and private heavy equipment operators plow over 325 lane miles of streets and avenues. The downtown commercial core area and five miles of Hwy. 12 and Hwy. 281 is also plowed but extra efforts are required because the snow must be hauled out. Listed below is an example progression of what typically happens after a snow event that ends on a Saturday evening.

Sunday

4 a.m. to 8 a.m. 4 City Motor Graders, 4 City Truck Plows, 4 City Loaders and 3 City Salt and Sand trucks and 5 Private Motor Graders plow and open Arterial Emergency Snow Routes and preliminary plowing is completed on city parking lots.

Sunday

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. After completion of all the Arterial Emergency Routes the equipment and personnel listed above plow and open all North-South Streets and connected cul-del-sacs, plus Forest Acres, Gorder Addition, Mel Ros Addition, Ashwood Heights, and all streets and avenues North of 15th Avenue North and all roads East of Roosevelt Street and South of 6 Avenue SE.

Sunday to Monday

10 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

4 City Motor Graders, 4 City Loaders, 1 City Blower, 2 City Salt/Sand trucks
20 City and Rental Trucks clean and remove snow from the Commercial
Core Area. The Commercial Core Area includes Main Street from 12 Ave. S.
to 8th Ave N. and parts of Washington Street, Lincoln Street, 1st Street South,
and 2nd Street South. During this same time period the city removes snow
pushed into the boulevards from earlier plowing along 6th Avenue and Hwy 12
and Hwy 281. If snow accumulation is quite abundant snow removal from the
boulevards along 6th Ave and Hwy. 12 and Hwy. 281 doesn't occur until Monday
evening.

Monday

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

4 City Motor Graders, 3 Private Motor Graders, 2 City Salt and Sand trucks plow
East-West Avenues and remaining problem areas.

Tuesday to Friday

The city plows alleys, parking lots, improves access around schools and cleans up
intersections throughout the city. Snow piles are also hauled away from cul-del-
sacs after plowing of the streets and avenues.

Please remember this document is for example purposes only and city
staff encourages you to refer to the snow removal information sheet for more
specific details.

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