



Be Prepared

Snowstorms

Snow Operations Policy

The Public Works Department has a snow removal priority system in place. However, the time required to clear the roads depends on the snowstorm intensity, duration, wind and the temperature. Please remember that Parker Road/State Highway 83 is maintained and plowed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), not the Town of Parker.

Arterial roadways are our top priority and will be cleared first; these are the major roadways that carry the most volume, such as Stroh Road, Hess Road, 20 Mile Road, Cottonwood Drive, Canterbury Parkway, Lincoln Avenue, Jordan Road, Pine Drive and Mainstreet. **Collector streets**, including Dransfeldt, Riva Ridge, J. Morgan, Nate, Motsenbocker, Bradbury Parkway, Clark Farms Drive, Pine Lane, Apache Plume, Crown Crest Boulevard, Tallman, Omaha and Canterbury Trail, are our second priority. These are streets that provide access to the major arterial roadways. They will be cleared once the major roadways have been plowed. **School bus routes** not already plowed under priority two are our third priority and will be plowed when accumulation exceeds three inches. **Local residential roads and cul-de-sacs** that provide traffic flow within subdivisions and access to homes are not plowed unless 10 inches or more snow has fallen, or if major drifting has occurred. Snow depths are determined by the National Weather Service reporting.

Here are ways you can help us do our job faster and more efficiently:

Park your vehicles off of the street when it snows. This keeps your vehicle from being plowed in, protects it from passing vehicles and gives our snow plows more space to maneuver. Once accumulation has reached 10 inches, we will begin to plow a single lane on residential streets after all main thoroughfares and collectors have been cleared.

Avoid shoveling or blowing snow into the street. When we plow your street, some snow will get back on your driveway and we know this can be frustrating. You can help by shoveling the snow from your driveway into your yard, as any snow you place in the street will probably be pushed back into your driveway by a passing snow plow.

Leave your vehicle at home if possible. Avoid the stress of driving in poor weather conditions. Every car left at home reduces the number of stranded vehicles, which can slow down plowing operations. The fewer vehicles operating, the quicker the streets can be cleared.

Keep children out of the street. Caution your children to avoid playing on snow piled on the road or in cul-de-sacs. Equipment operators may not see children playing due to low visibility or other causes.

Shovel your sidewalks! Don't forget to shovel all sidewalks on your property line when the snow stops falling. Snow left on walks turns into ice and makes for hazardous walking conditions for your neighbors.

Use caution when driving near snow plows. When driving near a snow plow, slow down and use caution. Give plow drivers plenty of room so they can do their job efficiently and safely.

Prepare your cars and yourselves for winter driving. Proper snow tires – not just “all season” rated tires – are needed. Owning and knowing how to use tire chains is also strongly recommended. Carry a tow rope or chain and a small shovel with you, along with proper footwear, gloves and hats.

If you have a question about the status of a particular street or want to report hazardous street conditions, please call 303.841.0353 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



For more information on weather warnings in our community, go to our Web site at www.parkeronline.org or call Parker Town Hall at 303.841.0353.