

**CITY OF RAPID CITY
SNOW AND ICE CONTROL POLICY**

GOAL:

To provide the motorist with the safest driving surface possible, in an efficient and economical manner, with the resources available.

CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF STREETS:

Initial service of streets during a snow/ice incident will be applications of salt, liquid deicer or a combination of these products. Streets will be treated in the following order of priority:

1. All arterial and emergency routes along with those streets having steep grades or other hazardous geometry and major intersections.
2. Collector and sub-collector streets and school routes.
3. Residential streets.

To reduce the amount of material used, flat level streets are not treated unless a special situation should exist. Other accepted chemicals may be used for maximum effectiveness.

PLOWING POLICY:

Snow plowing incidents will be divided into three levels of service. The service level will be determined by the Director of Public Works or his designee.

- **LEVEL A RESPONSE:** (approximately 2-4" snow depth)

This level of service will include the plowing of all arterial streets, emergency routes, streets with steep grades and other hazardous geometry, collector streets and major intersections. May include downtown snow removal.

- **LEVEL B RESPONSE:** (approximately 4-6" snow depth)

Sub-collector streets and some high traffic residential streets will be plowed in addition to those streets covered in "Level A Response". Included in this service will be downtown snow removal. Some work may be contracted with the private sector.

- **LEVEL C RESPONSE:** (greater than 6" snow depth)

All remaining Rapid City Streets. Contractors will be hired so this service may be completed in the shortest period of time possible.

Driveway entrances will not be opened by City crews under routine plowing operations. Exceptions can be made to this policy in special situations as may be determined by the Director of Public Works or his designee.

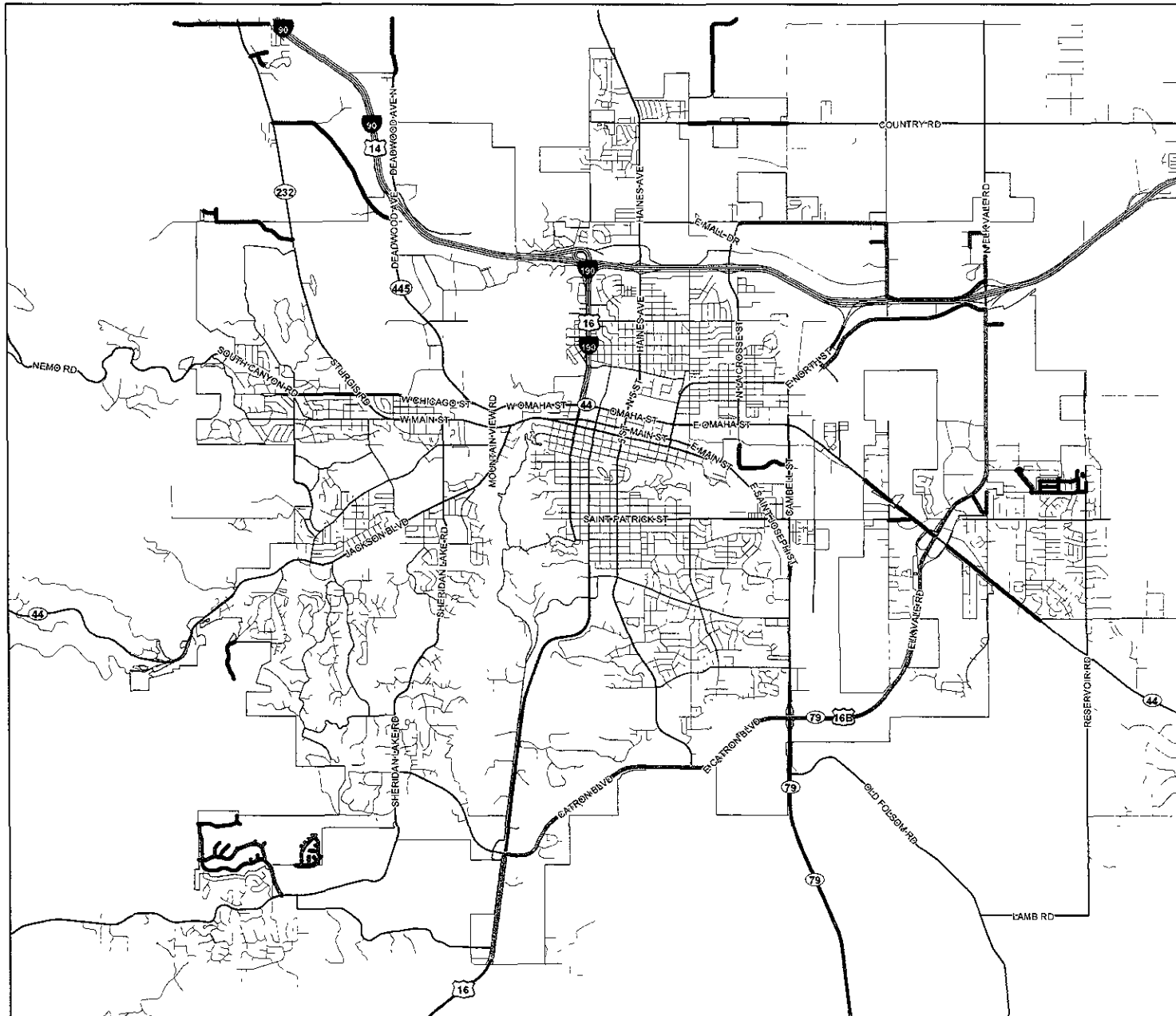
Clearing of the snow from sidewalks located at either curb side or property line, shall be the responsibility of the property owner as per ordinance 12.20.070 of the Rapid City Municipal Code. City policy will be to remove the snow from sidewalks on public bridges and from those curb side sidewalks located on streets with four or more traffic lanes, on a predominantly residential street and on a school pedestrian route. This work will be done only after street plowing operations have been completed.

It shall be the practice of the City to plow the street from curb to curb in order to maintain surface drainage. Should mail delivery be halted at a residence because a windrow of snow is blocking the mail box, the City will remove enough snow for mail service to resume if plowing was improperly done.

SNOW REMOVAL:

As per Chapter 10.48 of the Rapid City Municipal Code, snow removal operations will be performed in the downtown core area, other posted areas, and those areas deemed necessary by the Director of Public Works or his designee. This work will be performed primarily during night time hours to minimize traffic interference.

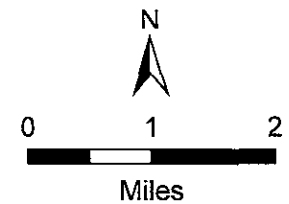
When a "Weather Condition 3" (heavy intense storm of prolonged duration) is declared by the Emergency Management Office, the Mayor or his designee may declare a Snow Emergency. In this case all available personnel will be called to duty.



Snow Plow Route Exchanges

Exchanged Routes

- Plowed by Rapid City
- Plowed by County
- Plowed by State



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SCOOP IT' PROGRAM

City of Rapid City and the State Department of
Corrections Free Snow
Removal for the Elderly and Disabled!

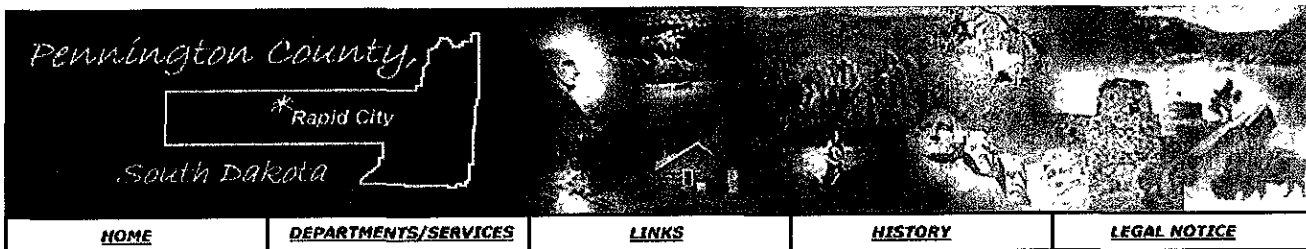
The South Dakota Department of Corrections, in conjunction with the Rapid City Office of the United Way and the City of Rapid City, is offering free snow removal for Rapid City residents who are elderly or disabled with limited income. The '**Scoop It**' program utilizes supervised minimum-security inmates to remove snow from the sidewalks and driveways of elderly or disabled homeowners.

Any elderly or disabled resident of the City of Rapid City who is interested in the '**Scoop It**' service may call the Rapid City Office of the United Way at 343-5872 when there is measurable snow fall in the City of Rapid City.

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Contact the Highway Dept

SOUTH DAKOTA FACTS:

South Dakota is 380 miles wide and 210 miles long.

Snow Removal

MAINTAINS PENNINGTON COUNTY'S ROADS & BRIDGES

It is the policy of Pennington County to initiate snow removal operations to maintain traffic as long as visibility is above minimum and weather conditions are such that plowing can be done safely and be effective for at least five hours.

The County Highway Superintendent, or his assignee, has the responsibility for initiating all snow removal actions using his best judgment and considering all prevailing weather conditions, amount of snow fall, type of snow fall and what areas are affected most. He will also commence operations at anytime when notified by the County Sheriff, due to emergencies or extreme conditions. Snow removal crews will provide necessary assistance such as opening a driveway or parking lot, to give access to the necessary emergency crews.

The general practice will be as follows: When snow fall is at least two inches, but less than four inches, all hard surfaced roads will be plowed during normal working hours, provided that the prevailing winds are such that snow remains on the traveled portion of the road. With a snow fall of four inches or more, all gravel roads, as well as hard surface roads will be plowed during normal working hours. At this time, plowing may commence before and after normal working hours, as well as weekends and holidays. The snow removal operations will be initiated out of each division shop, as warranted, including the main division in Rapid City, as well as the satellite shops located in Hill City, New Underwood, and Wall.

County snow crews will not clear private driveways or private property, except in an emergency, as outlined previously. Snow placed in a driveway or on sidewalks by County plows, where the driveway or sidewalk meets the road, is the responsibility of the property owner to remove.

❖ PRIORITIZATION

The priority of which roads are plowed, and in what sequence, is left up to the Highway Superintendent and/or designees from each division, taking into account the reported amounts, type, and areas where the snow falls.

❖ SANDING

It is the County's policy to sand only paved roads at stop intersections, curves and steep hills. Other locations on paved roads may be sanded if persistent icy conditions remain for a number of days. Sanding will commence during normal working hours unless notified by the sheriff or other law enforcement officials that conditions are such that we are asked to commence sanding immediately. Sanding is initiated out of each division shop as deemed necessary, and will work out toward each division's furthest boundary.

❖ COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The same complaint form currently in use for all other complaints will be used for snow removal complaints. Emergency complaints may be handled by the Superintendent, Snow Operations Coordinator, or Foremen.

❖ REPORTS

A Storm Record shall be completed for each snow removal operation. This record should contain operating times, weather conditions, resources committed, and results.

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DISCLAIMER

To the extent that any previous rule, regulation, policy or past practice, written or unwritten, is in conflict with the provisions of this policy, such is hereby withdrawn, voided and all personnel should conduct themselves in conformity with this policy.

This policy is not intended to create any duty to any individual member of the public or to protect any particular or circumscribed class of persons. All or parts of this policy may be affected by at least one or more of the following which will delay all or some of the services provided:

1. Equipment breakdown
2. Vehicles disabled in deep snow
3. Weather so severe as to cause crews to be called in from the County roads
4. Equipment rendered inadequate by the depth of snow or drifts
5. Crew breaks, and breaks required for refueling, refilling of material spreaders and installing chains and new blades
6. Unforeseen conditions and emergencies

*****Remember, it is unlawful to push, pile, dump, place, or dispose of snow on County or public highways, roads, or right-of-ways. Please refer to Ordinance #32.***