

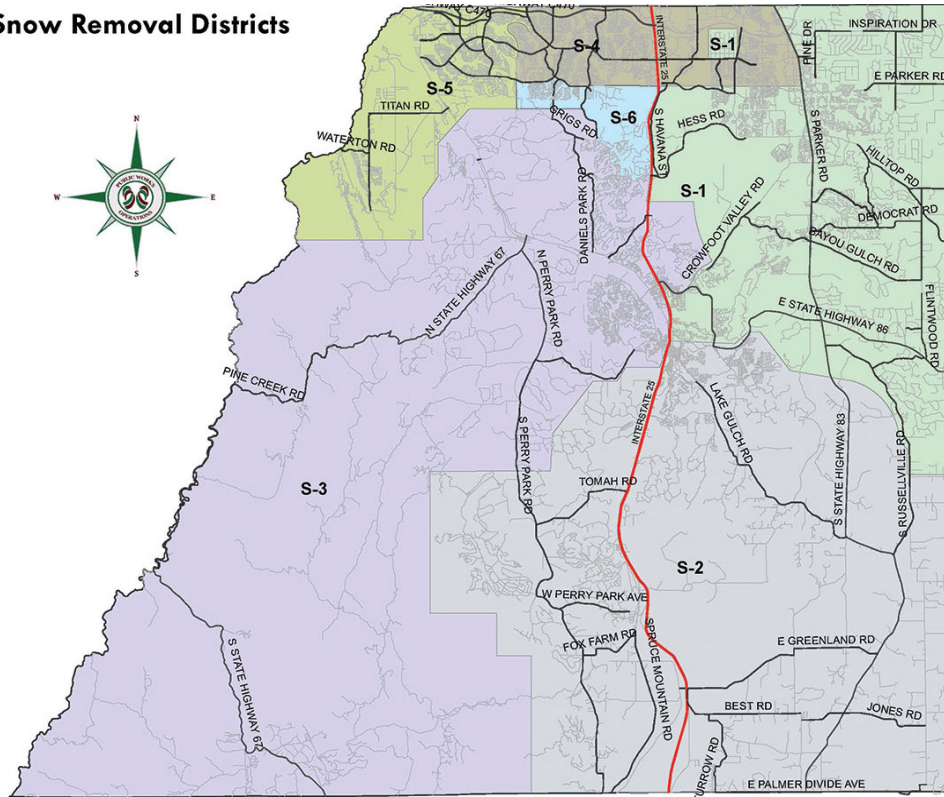
Snow Removal Districts and Available Equipment

Douglas County has six snow removal districts located geographically throughout the County. Each district has assigned personnel and equipment with responsibility for the roads within that particular district. Douglas County snowplow units are white with the Douglas County logo and motorgraders are yellow with the Douglas County logo.

Public Works Operations Snow Removal Districts

Legend

- S-1, Bill Langren
- S-2, Steve Dalke
- S-3, Rick Miller
- S-4, Wes Trueblood
- S-5, John Lamb
- S-6, Curtis Marshall



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Snow Removal FAQs

Why doesn't the county plow my street when they go by?

Routes are plowed on a priority basis with arterials and collectors being top priority. Cleaning priority roads opens routes into all residential streets.

Why did the plow come through and plow my driveway shut again?

Cleanup and widening operations often take place one to four days after the storm, depending on wind conditions and the severity of the storm. It is necessary to widen roads to help melt snow, improve drainage and provide room for additional snow if necessary. Cleanup operations help reduce icing problems in the roadway and on sidewalks.

Who is responsible for clearing sidewalks?

Residents are responsible for clearing their driveways and sidewalks. Homeowners should place snow into their front yard to help hydrate their lawn. Snow should NOT be placed into the street.

What if I have an emergency and my street isn't plowed?

If an emergency situation occurs dial 9-1-1. Equipment will be diverted for critical emergencies immediately. The Sheriff's Department is in constant communication with Public Works staff during storms.

For additional information concerning Douglas County's snow removal policy and procedures, please visit www.douglas.co.us and search for snow removal.



SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL INFORMATION



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Snow and Ice Removal

Douglas County is responsible for maintaining 2,378 lane miles of roads, which include 1,785 paved miles and 593 gravel miles.

Snow Removal Response

The time required to clear snow and ice from roads varies depending on the following conditions:

- Snowstorm duration
- Snowstorm intensity
- Temperature
- Time of day
- Traffic conditions
- Wind velocity

All routes will be plowed and treated as quickly as possible. The conditions above will determine when snow plows arrive in neighborhoods. Snow removal crews are dispatched to work anytime roads become slick from snow and ice accumulation.

Priority 1 and 2 roads are plowed and treated in preparation for morning and evening rush hours. Once these roads have been cleared, crews move to Priority 3 and 4 roads.

Planning for Snow Removal

The number of personnel and type of snow removal equipment are determined based upon the anticipated strength of the storm. Personnel from Public Works Operations and other County departments are deployed when snow starts falling.

Snow removal personnel are notified of anticipated start times based upon available weather data. Douglas County typically assigns personnel to 12-hour shifts with the major workforce deployed during the daylight hours to assist rush-hour traffic. A limited number of units are deployed during evening hours to continue widening operations and respond to requests for emergency assistance. ***If you have an emergency during a snowstorm dial 9-1-1 for assistance.***

Douglas County utilizes both liquid and granular de-icing products depending upon the location of the roadway, temperature of the pavement and potential for re-freezing. Liquid anti-icing products are sometimes applied to arterial roadways (major roadways) prior to snowstorms, when temperatures are appropriate, to minimize bonding of snow to pavement surfaces. Abrasive materials containing a blend of salt and sand are often applied to roadways to provide traction at curves, hills and intersections. An alterante granular product called "Ice Slicer", is used in areas to address icy conditions.

Snow Removal Priority Sytem

To provide efficient and effective snow removal on County roads priorities are assigned. These priorities are determined based on several factors which include:

- Availability of resources
- Logistics
- Roads requiring specialized equipment
- Timing of the storm

Priority 1 - Arterial

Arterials are major roadways which provide for high traffic volumes over medium to long distances. Arterials are used for interregional, inter-county, and intra-county travel needs.

Priority 2 - Collector / School Bus Routes

Collectors distribute traffic between arterial and local roads, serve as main connectors within subdivisions, and link one subdivision to another. Collectors generally do not provide direct access to private property.

Priority 3 - Local Roads

Local roads provide for low to medium traffic volumes within subdivisions and provide direct access to residences or private property.

Priority 4 - Cul-de-sacs

These are short local roads with no outlet that provide access to residents within subdivisions.

Roads NOT maintained by Douglas County:

- I-25
- Highway 67 (from Highway 67 to Rampart Range Road)
- Highway 83
- Highway 85
- Highway 86
- Highway 105 (from Wolfensberger Road to Highway 67)
- Streets inside city or town limits

