

A reminder concerning City of McCall Winter Street Maintenance

The City of McCall reminds residents to keep streets clear for snow removal operations. City Code requires that cars, trash cans, and other obstructions be kept out of the street and out of the way of City snow removal crews. Cars, trailers or other obstructions parked on City streets between 3:00 am and 7:00 am, is in violation of City Ordinance, may be cited and or towed. The City is not responsible for damage to trash cans left in the street.

We want to remind everyone that the City has a right-of-way along all city streets that is used for snow storage. It is against City code to deposit snow from private driveways, sidewalks, or parking lots into City streets or right-of-ways, and may result in a citation. For any property owner who uses the service of a private snow removal contractor, please make sure that they are aware of this so you are not fined. This includes removing snow from your property and depositing it across a street onto the city right-of-way.

Sidewalks must also be kept clear of snow. This year we would like to remind all owners, tenants or occupants of lands in the City of McCall which either abut or are located on the site of any sidewalks or improved pedestrian walkway, to removal all snow, rubbish or ice from the sidewalks or walkways within 24 hours. Anyone not in compliance can be cited.

Crews attempt to clear streets to 25' wide. Following larger snowfalls, and as the season progresses, it may take several days to reach this goal. The Public Works Department asks for the residents' cooperation and understanding during this winter season. The crew also cuts ice build-up, and periodically "wings back" the banks of snow on the side of the streets to allow for future snow storage. The crews also remove snow from fire hydrants between storms, when not clearing streets. Residents are encouraged to "adopt" a hydrant near their homes and assist in keeping them clear.

Snow removal crews typically begin work at 4:00 am or earlier if there has been a recent snowfall of 3" or more, and on the other days they begin at 7:00 am. The Streets Superintendent monitors the weather, and calls in the crews early for plowing as needed. Crews work seven days a week, and the threshold on weekends is 4" of new snow. The City has a web cam for monitoring snow accumulation. Go to www.mccall.id.us and follow the links to the Public Works Department to view the web cam.

The City uses three graders, four loaders, two plow trucks, two sanding trucks, and a crew of nine operators. They remove snow from more than 40 miles of streets in the City limits, as well as, two public parking lots downtown, and at Rotary Park. Each route is designed and timed to clear school bus and McCall Transit routes before busses arrive, as weather permits. Separate crews remove the snow at the Airport, within parks and along some bike paths.

City streets are sanded after snow removal, on an as-needed basis. The crew monitors the road conditions and distributes sanding material when needed. During a snowstorm, it is not always practical to sand streets, as the new falling snow covers the sand and it becomes ineffective. Busy intersections will be sanded as needed while it is snowing.

The Public Works Department wishes you a happy and safe winter season and thanks you for your cooperation and patience.

