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## Ridgway Reminds Residents and Businesses About Snow and Ice Control Operations

Ridgway, CO – The Ridgway Public Works Department coordinates snow and ice control operations in conjunction with CDOT within the Town of Ridgway. The Department prides itself on its efforts to provide for safe and passable streets and public safety is the number one priority when clearing snow and ice on Ridgway’s nearly 15 miles of roadway. Snow and ice control efforts to create safe and passable streets impact every resident, business and visitor and are vital for maintaining safe mobility throughout the Town.



Public Works will act diligently to remove snow as efficiently and quickly as possible. The response is determined by a variety of factors including, but not limited to, pavement temperatures, future weather forecast, duration of storm and type of snow. Public Works will typically plow when there is greater than 4 inches of snow fall on hard surfaces. Since all streets cannot be addressed at the same time, the priority is to keep transportation routes and main thoroughfares drivable, especially school streets. Once these streets are safe and passable, equipment is assigned to businesses, residential streets, and then critical public sidewalks. Public Works does its best to clear priority routes before the schools start and business doors open, while also taking advantage of the limited cars in the downtown area early in the morning. In short, Public Works will start removal in accordance with the priority list described above and depicted in the Town’s “Snow Removal Brochure” that can be found [HERE](#).

Snow removal is a community effort that requires everyone’s patience and cooperation. According to the Ridgway Municipal Code, private property owners are responsible for removing snow on sidewalks abutting their property. The Town will only remove snow from sidewalks abutting public property. On private property, it is the owner’s responsibility to remove or store snow from their property. Placing private snow on public streets will result in code enforcement violations. In historic downtown, property owners may put snow from public sidewalks a few feet off the curb into the street. This prevents plow damage to curbs and sidewalks. The Town will haul this snow away when traffic allows.

Specific to Highway 62, where there are three lanes on the highway, CDOT will plow to the center. Where there is not a center turn lane, CDOT will plow to the sides to keep the streets unobstructed. Properties abutting Highway 62 should not place snow from driveways or parking lots onto the highway. Doing so may result in enforcement action by CDOT.

For more information regarding policies and procedures in place when it snows in the Town of Ridgway, please call 970-626-5308 or click [HERE](#). The Town of Ridgway greatly appreciates your patience and understanding this winter season!

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