

# City of Rochester Hills

## Winter Maintenance Policy

### Purpose:

To provide a safe roadway system during the winter months by operating effective winter road maintenance services.



### Priorities:

The City of Rochester Hills has identified three levels of snow and ice control priorities for Major and Local Roads.

The priorities are classified by monitoring Doppler radar forecast and by employee observations of actual road conditions. Additional information on road conditions is provided by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and other road agencies. The priorities include the following categories:

- Apply deicing chemical as needed to maintain roads in a passable condition.
- Clear pedestrian pathways after all local roads are plowed.
- Maintain school cross walk intersections on overtime basis, however, other pathways will not be cleared on overtime.

### Communications:

The City of Rochester Hills will receive information and comments from the public at the following telephone number: 248-656-4685.



During winter months, the Department of Public Services is responsible for snow and ice control on 242 miles of Local Roads and 38 miles of City Major Roads. The City also maintains (by contract with the Road Commission for Oakland County) Livernois from South Boulevard to Tienken. The Road Commission maintains most other mile roads. Department of Public Service's winter maintenance work crews are assembled from various divisions within the Department of Public Services including: Local and Major Roads, Sewer Division, Water Division and the Water Resources Division. In emergency situations, Parks and Engineering employees will also participate in snow removal activities.

### Category 1

**Snowfall of less than 4 inches**  
MAJOR ROADS & EMERGENCY ROUTES – 38 miles of major roads that are traveled by the most vehicular traffic as well as emergency vehicles. These roads are plowed and salted on a 24 hour basis, 7 days a week as needed.

### Category 2

**Snowfall of 4 or more inches throughout the City**  
MAJOR ROADS & EMERGENCY ROUTES – 38 miles of major roads that are traveled by the most vehicular traffic as well as emergency vehicles. These roads are plowed and salted on a 24 hour basis, 7 days a week as needed.

LOCAL ROADS – 242 miles of local roads are plowed and salted on an as-needed basis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When plowing local roads, the city is divided into six plow routes. The routes begin on the East and West sides of the city and progress towards the middle.

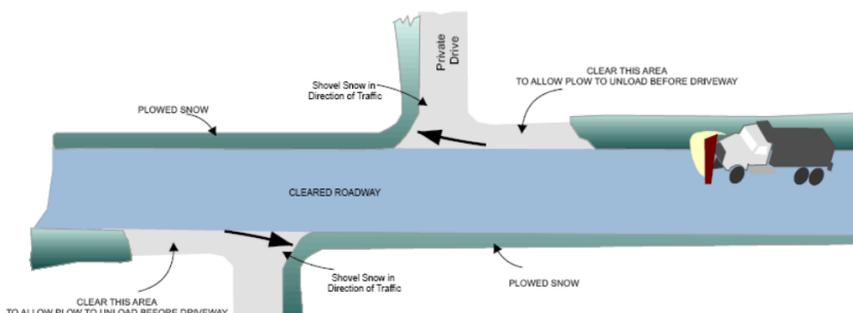
### Objectives for Winter Maintenance Operations:

1. Reduce the risk to the traveling public associated with snowy and icy road conditions.
2. Prioritize the school bus and industrial routes.
3. Support emergency operations for the Police and Fire Departments.
4. Provide cost effective and fiscally sound use of winter maintenance funds.
5. Promote better communications with adjoining communities and road agencies to provide information of the conditions of road surfaces.

### Goals:

- Following a significant snowstorm (4 or more inches in a 24 hour period), plow all local roads within 4 days recognizing that each step will require more time to complete, depending on the severity of the storm.

### HOW TO MINIMIZE THE CHANCES OF SNOW BLOCKING YOUR PRIVATE DRIVE



### Ways you can help:

- remove vehicles from the street during a snowstorm
- do not shovel snow into the street
- allow enough time for travel
- report concerns to the Department of Public Service at 248-656-4685

For additional information, please visit <http://www.rochesterhills.org/index.aspx?nid=260>

## Winter Weather Emergency Policy

Please note: In accordance with City Ordinance 98-108, the Mayor has the authority to declare a "Winter Weather Emergency" should weather conditions warrant. During a winter weather emergency, all vehicles must be removed from city streets to allow snow plow vehicles to clear our streets as safely, quickly and completely as possible.

Should the Mayor deem it necessary to declare a snow emergency, residents will be notified via Rochester Hills Television, the City of Rochester Hills website, local television and radio stations; and, if time allows, a press release will be published in local newspapers.

Ordinance 98-108 can be found on the City's website at [www.rochesterhills.org](http://www.rochesterhills.org).

If you would like additional information, please contact the Mayor's Office at 248-656-4664.