

Roseville Parks and Recreation Department
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OPERATING POLICY #42

DATE: October, 2014

POLICY TITLE: Snow Plowing- Pathway

PURPOSE: The Parks and Recreation System Plan is responsible for plowing snow on all Roseville off-road paths. This policy outlines the standard and procedures for clearing the pathways of snow. Goals include:

- Monitor, in conjunction with the public works department, weather and road conditions 24 hours per day.
- To have pathways plowed within 24 hours after snow has quit falling.
- To communicate with residents on how they can work together with Parks and Recreation in keeping pathways safe and clear of snow.

DESCRIPTION:

The following policy shall be used for clearing snow from City of Roseville pathways:

1. The City of Roseville has approximately 74 miles of off-road pathways.
2. Snow removal on pathways begins after a minimum of 2" of accumulated snowfall or drifting from snow events and two hours after the Roseville Street Department begins the clearing of City streets. This is to reduce the amount of re-depositing of plowed street snow.
3. Snow removal operations will be directed and supervised by the Park Superintendent and be provided by Parks and Recreation staff with city equipment. The level of service is limited to the available operating equipment and available staff.
4. Pathway snow clearing will be prioritized by facilities, schools, parks, and major streets.
5. Due to the limitations of mechanical equipment and pathway irregularities, pathways will not be cleared or maintained to a dry pavement standard. Handwork will not be performed and surface irregularities and slippery conditions may result. No sanding or ice control (sanding or salting) will be performed (the steep hill in Reservoir Woods is the exception.)
6. It is expected that snow can be plowed, blown, swept or dumped on public right-of-ways and easements on either side of the pathway as needed for the best efficiency of operation.
7. Reasonable attempts will be made not to deposit excessive snow in driveways or private sidewalks if it is operationally or mechanically controllable. However, the removal of any snow deposited by City pathway plowing will be the responsibility of the adjacent property owner/occupant.
8. The City will not be responsible for sand, salt or incidental plow damage to turf, driveways, irrigation systems or landscaping located within public right-of-ways or easements. Unusual damage will be discussed with property owner.
9. In order to perform pathway snow removal operations, pathways must remain free of any obstructions (i.e., vehicles, refuse containers, play equipment, implements etc.) If obstructions are encountered, the City's operation may skip the affected property frontage and the property owner may be cited by City Code Officers per City Ordinance.
10. Commercial property owners are expected, per City Ordinance to perform snow removal on all adjacent public pathways.
11. No public or private landowners may deposit snow on City pathways as stated in City Ordinance. City Code Officers will cite offenders.
12. The Parks and Recreation Director and Department Staff will annually review this policy and make any needed modifications.