



FERNDALE



CITY OF FERNDAL WINTER MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES 2013

The intent of the Winter Maintenance Guidelines is to provide a plan for winter snow and ice control to reasonably control hazardous conditions caused by snow and ice on roads, sidewalks, crosswalks and public parking lots in the City of Ferndale.

Every winter storm is characterized by a unique combination of temperature, precipitation, and pavement conditions that must be considered in selecting the appropriate maintenance strategy. The daily traffic patterns of Ferndale, the day of the week and the time of day when the storm develops are conditions that must also be measured.

It is not possible to summarize every conceivable storm situation and alternative strategy.

Judgment and experience must be exercised in devising a response as conditions change and the work progresses. When weather forecasts predict with a high degree of probability an event, the application of deicing agents may commence prior to accumulation of snow or ice.

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Major roads are more heavily traveled and are generally maintained first, except in situations where abnormal conditions are known to exist or emergencies involving public health and safety occur. The City's snow and ice control procedures will be conducted using the following priority method:

PRIORITY I

- a) **Major Roads:** Woodward Avenue, Eight Mile Road, Nine Mile, Pinecrest, Livernois, Allen, Hilton, Cambourne, Woodward Hts., Wanda, West End
- b) **Other:** Any other area deemed necessary by the City Manager, DPW Director, or Public Safety Officers

PRIORITY II

- a) **East Side Fire Routes:** Bermuda from Woodward Hts. to 696, Mapledale from Bermuda to Hilton, Sylvan from Paxton to Hilton, Shevlin from Hilton to Chester, Brickley from Hilton to Chester, Chester from Woodward Hts. to 696, Huron from Woodward Hts. to 696, Huron from Woodward Hts. To 696, Lennox from Brickley to Garfield, Wolcott from Woodward Hts. to Lewiston, Drayton from Wolcott to Bonner, Lewiston from Wolcott to Bonner, Orchard from Burdette to Hilton, Orchard from Farrow to Pilgrim, Breckenridge from RR tracks to Pilgrim, Martin from Woodward Hts. to Nine Mile, Hamata from Martin to Pilgrim, Chestnut from Martin to Pilgrim, Burdette from Nine Mile to Breckenridge, Leland from Nine Mile to Lewiston, Bermuda from Nine Mile to Woodward Hts., Vester from Woodward to Bermuda, Bonner from Cambourne to Saratoga, Farrow from Orchard to Farrow, Academy from Farrow to Wanda, Troy from Hilton to Bonner, Troy from Woodward to Paxton, College from Woodward to Paxton, University from Paxton to Hilton, Jewell from Woodward to Hilton, Fair from 8 Mile to Jewell, Fern from Fair to dead end, Jarvis from Wanda to dead end, Bennett from Wanda to West End.
- b) **West Side Fire Routes:** Republic from Nine Mile to Marshall, Central from Nine Mile to Marshall, Drayton from Pinecrest to Hyland, Cambourne from Woodward to Pinecrest, Albany from Woodward to Pinecrest, Marshall from Woodward to Republic, Beaufield from Albany to Marshfield, Fielding from LaPrairie to Pinecrest, Alberta from Allen to Farndale, Planavon from Nine Mile to Lewiston, Troy from Woodward to Allen
- c) **Sidewalks:** Sidewalks abutting city-owned property will have snow and ice controlled by the DPW. All other sidewalks are subject to Chapters 16-3 and 16-4 of the Ferndale City Code which states that the occupant of premises adjoining a public sidewalk is responsible for clearing that public sidewalk of ice and snow within 24 hours of the snowfall.
- d) **Crosswalks:** Woodward (8), Nine Mile (9), Troy (3), Camborne (2), Marshall (2), Fielding, Eight Mile (3), University, Allen(2), Planavon (3), Withington

PRIORITY III

- a) **Public Parking Lots:** Withington, W. Breckenridge (2), W. Troy (3), Planavon, E. Breckenridge, Falvey Lot, American Legion
- b) **Municipal Buildings Parking Lots:** City Hall, Police Station, Recreation and Senior Services (KKC), Library, 43rd District Court and the Activities Center (Curling Club)

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Parking Lots generally are plowed through the night or early in the morning. It is extremely difficult to plow parking lots during the day when they are parked full or partially full; this is avoided unless absolutely necessary.

- c) **Parking Bays:** Nine Mile, Woodward, E. Troy, W. Troy, Withington, Planavon, Bermuda, Vester, E. Saratoga, W. Saratoga, Hilton

PRIORITY IV

- a) **Special Considerations:** Intersections, mid block, curves, stops and hills
- b) **Public Alleys**
- c) **Dead End Streets:** Approximately 50

PRIORITY V

- a) **All Other Residential Streets:** To be cleared as equipment and manpower are available after priorities 1-4 are completed. This policy exists provided that snowfall exceeds approximately four inches in depth or extremely hazardous conditions exist for an extended period of time. During snow events of four inches or greater the DPW initially concentrates on priorities 1-4. Overtime plowing and ice control begins on residential streets once the accumulation reaches approximately four inches and priorities 1-4 are completed.

SNOW EMERGENCY

City Ordinance No. 809 prohibits the parking of vehicles on city streets when a snow emergency is declared by the Director of Public Works. The City's Emergency Snow Removal Ordinance may be *declared as follows:*

- a) *A snow emergency will be declared when four or more inches have accumulated in one hour or more. It will be announced on radio stations WOMC/104.3 FM, WCSX/94.7 FM, WWJ/950 AM, WXYT/1270 AM and television channels WJBK-FOX2, WDIV-TV4, WXYZ-TV7 and Ferndale Municipal Cable/Cable TV 53/10.*
- b) Once a snow emergency is declared, it shall remain until city streets are clear curb-to-curb, or until the Director of Public Works cancels it.
- c) A special parking permit may be issued by the Department of Public Works for any residential home that does not have a driveway. A maximum of two parking permits may be issued per such home. The snow emergency parking sticker should be removed from the vehicle when a driveway is constructed, when the permit holder moves, or when the vehicle is disposed of.
- d) Any person whose vehicle(s) is parked on a city street during a snow emergency may be ticketed, fined, and his/her vehicle(s) impounded.