

KEEPING DOWNTOWN MOVING:

To prepare for possible severe snow conditions, the Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP) is working closely with the City of Spokane (City) to implement several new plans to mitigate the impact of rapid snow accumulation in the Downtown core.

The new city snow emergency plan is initiated when:

- **Stage 1:** 2” of snow are on the ground and 4” more are expected in the current snow forecast.
- **Stage 2:** 6” or more of snow have accumulated and more is expected.

Downtown-specific parts of the City’s new snow removal plan (*when “Stage 2” snow emergency is declared*):

- **Snow removal in the Downtown core will happen during the hours of 2-6:00 a.m. ONLY**, in order to most effectively and efficiently clear the streets.
- **All vehicles need to be off of the street during a declared snow emergency** to allow for the passage of the City’s heavy snow removal equipment.

IMPORTANT SNOW REMOVAL INFO:

DOWNTOWN:	CITY-WIDE:
E-mail: SnowInfo@DowntownSpokane.net	Snowplow Hotline: 509-456-2666
Phone: Security Ambassadors 509-353-9111	City of Spokane Snow Info: www.SpokaneStreetDepartment.org/Snowplow.htm
Downtown Snow Info: www.DowntownSpokane.org/Getting-Downtown.php	City of Spokane Snow Plan: SpokaneCity.org (www.SpokaneCity.org/services/articles/?ArticleID=2011)
Twitter: DTSpokaneSNOW (www.twitter.com/DTSpokaneSNOW)	Twitter: SpokaneCity (www.twitter.com/SpokaneCity)
Facebook: Downtown Spokane Partnership (www.facebook.com/pages/Downtown-Spokane-Partnership/75643388755)	
Launchpad: Downtown Spokane Community (www.launchpadinw.com/group/downtownspokanecommunity)	



WHOSE JOB IS IT?

- **Crosswalks and Common Areas:** Downtown Clean Team and Security Ambassadors, call 509-353-9111.
- **Streets and Parking Lanes** (*if free of cars*): City of Spokane, Snowplow Hotline 509-456-2666.
- **Sidewalks:** Individual Property Owners. (*Please let the DSP know if areas need to be addressed, call 509-353-9111 or e-mail SnowInfo@DowntownSpokane.net*)

DOWNTOWN SNOW TIPS:

- Ride the bus, www.SpokaneTransit.com or 509-328-RIDE (7433).
- Avoid on-street metered parking. It makes snow removal from the parking lane impossible. Go to www.DowntownSpokane.org/Parking.php for a map of parking garages and lots.
- Carry chains, a spade shovel and sand/de-icer in your trunk.
- Keep sidewalks free of snow and ice (it's the law).
- Flag down a Security Ambassador (rust uniforms) or Clean Team (green uniforms) member for assistance or call 509-353-9111.
- **Contact the DSP at SnowInfo@DowntownSpokane.net or 509-353-9111 before you contact the City – FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS ONLY.**

CITY DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES:

- The City will use snow-melting agents if temperatures are above 15°.
- With heavy snow accumulation, the City will plow and berm to the center lane.
- If snow berms do not melt after an extended period and depending on resources, the berms will be transported out of Downtown.
- If snowfall is so heavy that the City cannot keep up, it will transition to the “Snow Corridor Plan” where only major east-west/north-south arterials are kept clear.
 - Downtown’s major arterials are: Division and Ash/Maple and 2nd and 3rd Avenues.
- The City will also make efforts to keep Sprague and Riverside clear to allow bus service to continue during severe snow emergencies.

The Downtown snow removal window is the key part of the new snow removal process. The 2-6:00 a.m. plow window will allow City plow crews to operate more easily because of reduced traffic and parking. If snow begins to accumulate in the early morning, crews will not be in Downtown until the following morning. This is the most effective way to manage large quantities of snow in the Downtown core while reducing vehicle gridlock resulting from City snow removal crews.



Let us know what we can do to improve Downtown snow emergency efforts by contacting us at SnowInfo@DowntownSpokane.net or 509-353-9111.