



## **SNOW REMOVAL AND EMERGENCY ROUTE POLICY**

### **General Policy:**

The City of Guymon's policy is to plow only major streets after measurable snowfalls. Sanding is done at major intersections, hills, and the effective braking area of an intersection. Additional snow plowing is performed only when drifting severely limits travel.

### **Goal:**

Street department personnel concentrate on keeping emergency routes passable first. Intersections at state highways are then opened after the state equipment has cleared the routes. Primary routes are bladed and snow removed. Secondary routes are cleaned only when drifting or extreme snowfall make it necessary for access.

### **When are streets plowed?**

A snow event of 6 inches with the forecast for continued snowfall and freezing temperatures would trigger snow removal. If the forecast calls for warming temperatures, the City will let the sun melt the snow and save citizen's tax dollars. Salt and sanding operation are triggered by icy conditions.

### **Which streets will be cleared?**

#### **Emergency Routes:**

Main Street from Highway 54 to North 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sunset Lane from South 5<sup>th</sup> to North 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
24<sup>th</sup> Street from Sunset Lane to East Street  
East Street from Highway 54 to 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
South 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Sunset Lane to Highway 54  
May Street from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Medical Drive

#### **Primary Routes:**

North 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Quinn to Ellison Street  
North 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Quinn to Ellison Street  
North 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Quinn to Main Street  
Quinn Street from 6<sup>th</sup> to North 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Airport Runway and Apron



**Secondary Routes:**

Quinn Street from North 6<sup>th</sup> to North 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
12<sup>th</sup> Street from Main Street to Sunset Lane

**State Highway Department Maintenance:**

Highway 54 through City limits from Southwest to Northeast  
Highway 3-412 from Highway 54 to City limits headed east  
Highway 64 (12<sup>th</sup> Street) from Highway 54 to Main Street  
Highway 64 at 12<sup>th</sup> and Main from 12<sup>th</sup> Street North to City limits

**Plowing versus Removal:**

Snow that is plowed to the center of the street must be picked up by the City's crew in a timely fashion to avoid problems. The City cannot do this type of snow removal in all areas due to the limitations of equipment, manpower, and storage areas. Some streets do not have adequate space to plow. These areas must be bladed to the center and picked up.

**The City does NOT clear sidewalks or driveways.**

**Emergency Routes:**

The severity and duration of a snowstorm dictates when the emergency snow removal begins. All vehicles and trailers are prohibited from parking on snow emergency routes. Vehicles and trailers parked along designated snow emergency routes are subject to fines and/or towing. These vehicles impede emergency traffic and the snow removal.

**Helpful hints:**

When it starts to snow, park your vehicles off the streets. This protects your vehicle from damage from sliding vehicles and gives emergency vehicles adequate room to maneuver.

After a heavy snow, if possible, stay home and do not try to get out. The fewer vehicles on the street means less traffic accidents.

**If you have an emergency please stay where you are and call 911 for assistance.**

**The City of Guymon would like to thank the citizens for your assistance and cooperation.**