

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL PLAN

City of Akron, Ohio



GOAL

The goal of the Snow and Ice Control Plan for the City of Akron, Ohio is to maintain streets that are passable and safe for vehicular traffic and pedestrians. The city will determine response level based on safety, climate conditions, equipment, materials, and personnel resources.

STREET PRIORITIES

Akron streets (over 829 centerline miles of roadway with over 1,919 lane miles) are maintained in a priority order during a snow/ice event to expedite the free flow of vehicular traffic on all streets and to get as many vehicles moving as quickly as possible. During heavy snowfall events, primary streets may require continuous plowing and/or salting before second and third priority streets are serviced.

First Priority streets include expressways, arterial streets, heavily traveled collector streets, Metro RTA bus routes, hospitals, schools and severe hills. First priority routes cover 1,015 miles. When schools are in session, all perimeter streets are a first priority street. When schools are not in session, only one perimeter street is a first priority street.

Second Priority streets include collector streets not in first priority routes, heavily traveled residential streets, hills, dead end streets with a grade sloping toward the dead end, streets where there is only one way in or out that service a larger development or community. Second priority routes cover 160 miles.

Third Priority streets are all other City of Akron public streets not included above (does not include private streets). Third priority routes cover 370 miles.

As each and every storm event is different, different levels of response are utilized to help maximize the results and efficiency of services to our residents. These levels of response can generally be described as:

Response Level 4 – Highest level of response. All available trucks and crews responding.

Response Level 3 – Second highest level of response. For smaller or minor snow events.

Response Level 2 – Response for very minor snow and ice events.

Response Level 1 – Pre-treatment (salting) prior to snow/ice event.

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PROCEDURES

Generally, all first priority streets will be continuously serviced until a bare pavement condition exists. Next, second priority streets will be continuously serviced until a bare pavement condition exists. Passable conditions are standard for third priority streets when bare pavement conditions cannot be achieved due to storm conditions and operating factors. All third priority streets may not be serviced in each and every snow and ice event and may only be serviced by receiving service requests from 311 for plowing/salting streets.

PARKING BANS

In order to facilitate the clearing of streets and to expedite the free flow of vehicular traffic, Akron will issue parking bans when weather conditions are as follows:

When snowfall exceeds two inches, a parking ban automatically goes into effect on streets which are designated as an emergency snow street. These streets are marked by signage on the street identifying them as an emergency snow street.

Generally, the City of Akron only issues a complete street parking ban when snowfall exceeds five inches. In the event of a full parking ban, owners and operators have full responsibility to remove parked motor vehicles off of the street. Motor Vehicles not removed from the roadway as required are subject to tickets, fines, towing and impounding.

Removing vehicles during and prior to snow and ice events greatly facilitates snow removal activities allowing curb to curb salting and plowing of streets. Plowing curb to curb allows surface drainage of melted snow/ice flows to the nearest inlet without ponding or flooding the roadway. Any cooperation in removing vehicles from the roadway prior to, during and after the storm event is greatly appreciated with or without parking bans.