



NEWS ADVISORY

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For immediate release

Weekend Snow Message

Greetings from Mayor John Engen:

Now that the snow has stopped, at least temporarily, we're able to begin working our way onto lesser traveled streets and residential neighborhoods. Thanks to the many citizens who've worked with us and with one another, we're making progress. Again, we ask for patience, neighborliness and courtesy and appreciate how much of all three of those virtues we've seen demonstrated so far.

And here's some snow news:

- See our Snow Removal Priority Map here:
<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=625>
Street Division crews have Priority 1 streets in good shape. They'll continue to work on Priority 2 and 3 streets and expect to get onto residential streets this weekend. Full crews worked around the clock Friday and will work days on the weekend and nights as needed.
- Crews are aware that snowplows create berms across driveways as they work. "We rely on the public to assist us with berm removal," said Brian Hensel, Street Superintendent. "We realize it's heavy and difficult. We don't have the resources to clear everyone's driveways."
- Parks and Recreation Department staff members have prioritized the areas they clear. They're focusing Friday on main commuter trails; sidewalks in the downtown area; Safe Routes to School; and parks with sidewalks along main thoroughfares. They'll work on Saturday on sand and snow-melt issues to make sure the priority routes are safe to walk. They'll continue into next week plowing in parks.
- Street Division staff members are aware that residential areas are waiting for plowing service. They will monitor voicemail messages at 552-6360 through the weekend.

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