

## **Snow Removal Policy**

The City of Pickerington is committed to providing safe routes for our residents, visitors and first responders. Weather can often be unpredictable and we plan to be adaptive as possible to ensure effective snow management of City streets. Residents can do their part to help provide our service crews the best possible snow removal by following these items:

- If possible, **please do not park your car on the street during periods of snow removal.** This will help the plow drivers clear the streets and also avoid your car being "snowed in." Please see Ordinance Section 452.16 Snow Emergency: Parking Ban at <u>www.pickerington.net</u> for complete information.
- We make every effort to keep from plowing snow into driveways, but in most instances it cannot be avoided. Before your street is plowed, push or shovel the snow or ice to the LEFT side of your driveway (as looking at your house from the street); this will minimize the amount of snow and ice that gets pushed back into your driveway from the snowplows. Snow being pushed into the street by residents clearing their driveways is dangerous and is also illegal.
- We are unable to plow out individual driveways and appreciate your understanding and cooperation if snow is pushed onto your property.
- Residents and business owners must clear the public sidewalks in front of their property as well as keep any fire hydrants accessible.
- It is up to each resident to make sure the postal service carrier can reach your mailbox for delivery. Snow can strike a mailbox, mailboxes that are properly maintained usually are not affected. It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain mailboxes to withstand snow and wind, and to repair them if they are damaged by snow removal. The City will not replace mailboxes damaged as a result of rotten posts or negligence.
- The City of Pickerington is not responsible for damage occurring to basketball poles (or like items) placed in the City's right of way or extending over the roadway; however, the property owner is responsible for the damage to City vehicles as a result of these objects. These objects are not only unsafe in the right of way, but illegal as well.

## **Plowing and Salting**

- City workers clear the main arterial roads first. These generally include SR256, Hill Rd., Diley Rd., Long Rd, Columbus St., Center St. and Lockville Rd.
- Side streets within downtown, connecting roads and roads within subdivisions are plowed after the main arterials. It is our goal to provide curb to curb plowing so following the above guidelines is helpful to our service crews.
- Cul-de-sac plowing is especially difficult as plows cannot easily turn or have a place to put the snow. Snow will not be placed in the middle of the cul-de-sac turnaround due to safety concerns.
- It may be necessary to stop subdivision plowing and return to the main arterial roads during instances of heavy, continued snowfall.

The City of Pickerington appreciates your cooperation and strives to provide safe roads within the City. Allow for extra time and slow down during snow events. If you have any questions please call the Service Department at 614-833-2292.