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City Continues Clearing Snow

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg has made progress in clearing streets of snow but continues its response as there is still a significant amount of work to be done.

Crews have been working in 12-hour shifts since Friday to clear snow and will continue to do so until the roads and sidewalks in high priority areas are clear of snow and ice.

Motorists are still encouraged to only travel if it is absolutely necessary. This will allow the snowplows and heavy pieces of equipment to continue doing their job quickly, efficiently, and safely.

“Our main focus leading up to this point has been the primary or priority one routes and when the snow stopped on Saturday, we began moving to priority two routes. The city plows these routes first to give emergency responders the greatest access across the city,” said Jim Baker, director of Public Works.

“Plowing of residential streets will begin Sunday night and continue into early next week. The community has been helpful by staying off the roadways and we appreciate their patience as we continue to clean up from this significant storm.”

As of Sunday morning, the primary roads are still considered to be in moderate condition, while residential streets are severe. Crews will begin focusing on the primary two routes and residential streets tonight and into tomorrow.

Members of the community are encouraged to review the snow plow [map](#) for a better understanding of the different priorities placed on streets in the city. The Public Works Department is starting to receive calls from residents asking when their streets will be plowed. Some priority two streets are in residential areas and predetermined because of the access they provide for emergency responders.

Residents are reminded to shovel snow to the left side of your driveway (if standing at the bottom of your driveway, looking from the street to your home). This way, when the snowplows go through the streets, the snow is not plowed to block the driveway.

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Residents, business owners, and property owners are also asked to begin shoveling the sidewalk in front of their home or business and are encouraged to help their neighbors shovel their sidewalk, especially those elderly or homebound neighbors. Due to the large amount of snow the city has received, there will be some understanding for the amount of time it may take to have sidewalks clear.

While residents are shoveling their sidewalks, they are also reminded to remove snow from around the fire hydrant close to their home. Fire personnel will also be out throughout today shoveling snow from around hydrants.

Additional information on snow plow routes or the sidewalk ordinance is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/snow-plow.

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