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Residents Reminded to Shovel Sidewalks

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg continues to make progress clearing streets and sidewalks of snow and ice. Crews have been working in 12-hour shifts since Friday and will continue to do so well into the week.

As of this morning, the primary roads are considered to be in minor condition, while residential streets are mostly in moderate condition.

“We began plowing residential streets on Sunday and are working hard to clear them through tonight,” explained Jim Baker, director of Public Works. “Tonight and tomorrow, we will begin using salt treated grit and abrasives to treat residential streets, focusing on hills and intersections to increase traction. We continue to ask for everyone’s patience as we continue clearing city streets, sidewalks, and trails.”

Residents, business owners, and property owners must shovel 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 received, the city has extended the time period and is allowing everyone through 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 28 to clear snow from sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses.**

If the occupant or property owner fails to clean off the sidewalk, a notice of violation will be given. After 24 hours of the notice being given and if the sidewalk is still not clear, the city will clear the sidewalk and the expense will be billed to the occupant or owner.

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 and this week 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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