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## City Prepares for Potential Snow Storm

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg is making preparations now for the potential of a small snow storm Thursday night, into Friday morning.

A crew with the Public Works Department worked today to apply liquid salt brine to the high priority roadways, which includes major streets, streets that access public safety entities, and streets to the hospital. The liquid salt brine is used prior to a storm that is expected to bring snow first. This application is not used for a winter weather event that brings rain before the snow because it will be washed away and not effective. The temperatures must also be 32 degrees or higher before the liquid salt brine is applied, which is why the application is being done today.

The city will continue to monitor the forecast to determine if additional resources will be deployed before the storm arrives.

### Driving and Parking Guidelines

The city asks residents to keep in mind the following guidelines for driving and parking in winter conditions:

- Avoid parking on the street. Snowplows can't fully clear the street with cars in the way.
- Avoid unnecessary travel when crews are clearing snow and ice from the roadways.
- Do not attempt to pass snowplows and stay back at least 100 feet.
- In adverse weather conditions, keep a safe distance when traveling behind other vehicles.
- Be aware of potentially icy areas such as shady spots and bridges.

### Sidewalk Snow Removal for Residents and Businesses

Harrisonburg is a pedestrian-friendly community and it is important to have clear sidewalks for those biking or walking as a mode of transportation. Sidewalks that are not clear of snow may force pedestrians to walk in the street, which is not safe.

Residents, business owners, and property owners must clear snow from the sidewalk in front of their home or business:

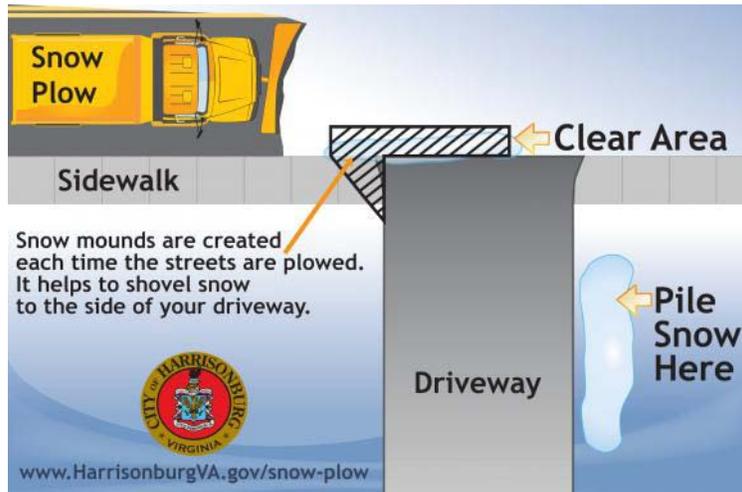
- Within 24 hours if the snowfall is six inches or less; and
- Within 36 hours if the snowfall is greater than six inches.

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The time begins once the snow has stopped falling. 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 at the expense of the property owner.

**Tips for Removing Snow from Driveways**



**Adopt a Hydrant Program**

The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) asks members of the public for their participation in the adopt a hydrant program.

Residents can adopt a hydrant near their home or business and keep it free of snow during the winter. In the event of a fire, it is important that the fire department is able to gain access to a water supply as quickly as possible.

During and after each snowfall, participants are asked to shovel around the adopted hydrant and shovel a path from the road to the hydrant to ensure the hydrant is visible and accessible.

Additional information on this program is available at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/adopt-a-hydrant](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/adopt-a-hydrant).

To read more about the city's snow and ice plan or to see the prioritized streets and the order in which they are plowed, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/snow-plow](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/snow-plow).

*The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).*



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