



**Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor**

**GARY SNOW FORCE**

The City of Gary Department of Public Works prepares year around to handle the winter weather that will affect more than 52 square miles under its jurisdiction. Each fall, the vehicles and equipment are put through maintenance checks and a comprehensive inspection. In addition, City of Gary employees participate in an extensive plow training course in November to ensure the proper handling of vehicles and winter driving tactics.

**ACTION PLAN**

City vehicles are run 24/7 if necessary and a host of other equipment and supplies are used to meet the needs of the community. During winter months, we monitor weather conditions around the clock. Before snow and ice hit, our team is already on the streets planning to minimize the impact of the winter storms.

**PLANNING**

When there is one inch or more of snow accumulation, the City of Gary works according to a detailed plan. To effectively serve the largest number of people, we categorize roadways into three priorities and plow accordingly.

**PRIMARY SNOW ROUTES**

Truck plows will be dispatched on all main thoroughfares when one (1") inch or more snow accumulation is received. Trucks will continue to remove snow from roads. Our drivers will plow snow out to a minimum of two feet beyond pavement edge, where possible, so snow will melt away from the road and not back on it causing ice conditions. Primary roadways are those adjacent to schools and leading to hospitals. Primary streets are considered main arterial and higher traffic volume collector roadways. Hills and bridges are included in this category.

**SECONDARY SNOW ROUTE**

Workers will take one swipe down the middle of every residential street to prevent deep ice rutting and to keep the streets passable. During snowfall events of 6" or more, outside contractors are brought in to assist the City of Gary throughout the city. Roads in this category are highly traveled, but not as much as primary routes. These routes feed into Primary Snow Routes. City crews will plow one path (in/out) through every roadway to allow residents mobility as early as is practical in a storm. Crews will return later to finish pushing the snow back "close to the curb" to clear storm inlets.

**THIRD SNOW ROUTES**

Alley conditions will be evaluated during heavier snow accumulations to determine if City assistance is needed to maintain mobility.

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**PARTNERSHIP**

We can do the hard work, but our team is stronger when you're a part of it.

- Please give our staff plenty of room to operate and use patience. Our trucks plow at slow speeds because it's the most effective way to remove snow.
- Familiarize yourself with our action plan so you will know which streets will be plowed first.
- Please obey all parking restrictions. Parking is not permitted on designated snow routes when heavy snowfall is predicted over 2 inches.
- Shovel the sidewalks, driveway entrances, and access ramps in front of your home or business so children, mail carriers and pedestrians can walk safely.
- If you have a medical condition and need special access, call 911 for assistance. Emergency Staff will coordinate with Public Works to make sure your residence is accessible.

**NO PARKING SNOW ROUTES**

Under the City of Gary's emergency snow plan, there is NO PARKING on the following main arteries when snow is more than 2 inches. The City of Gary will tow cars that are parked on these routes.

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|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| • 4th Avenue  | • 25th Avenue   | • Taft Street              | • Delaware Street   |
| • 5th Avenue  | • 35th Avenue   | • Grant Street             | • Ridge Road        |
| • 6th Avenue  | • 41st Avenue   | • Harrison Street          | • Oak Avenue        |
| • 7th Avenue  | • 45th Avenue   | • Broadway                 | • Grand Boulevard   |
| • 8th Avenue  | • 49th Avenue   | • Georgia Street           | • Clay Street       |
| • 11th Avenue | • Colfax Street | • Virginia Street          | • Lake Street       |
| • 15th Avenue | • Burr Street   | • Martin Luther King Drive | • County Line Road  |
| • 19th Avenue | • Clark Road    | • Pierce Street            | • Indian Boundary   |
| • 21st Avenue | • Chase Street  |                            | • Montgomery Street |

