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GET PREPARED FOR SNOW SEASON NOW

City of Spokane Street Department is preparing for snow season and encourages the community to do the same. The community is urged to take time now to think ahead and be ready when the first snowfall comes.

"Responding to snow requires a collaboration between the City and community," says Clint Harris, the City's Street Director. "We appreciate the work residents and businesses do to keep streets and sidewalks clear and safe during the winter."

Here are some things the community can do now to prepare for the winter snow removal season:

- Move your recreational vehicle, boat or trailer, and basketball hoops off the street and to a winter storage location for the snow season. As a reminder, RVs, boats and trailers cannot exceed 24 hours of continuous on-street parking, according to Spokane Municipal Code (16A.61.562B).
- Make sure you have **adequate snow shovels or a working snow blower**. Consider buying some salt or sand.
- **Arrange for service** with a snow removal company before the snow flies if you don't want to shovel yourself.
- Plan where to park throughout the snow season to make room for large equipment to clear the street. Residents are asked to park on the odd numbered side of the street during snow season to leave a maximum amount of room for plows.
- **Know what <u>residential snow-plow route</u> you live in** to make it easier to track the progress of plows, during full-city plow operations.
- Talk to your neighbors. Make sure you know who in your neighborhood might need help with shoveling or other winter work and offer to help. Consider signing up to volunteer for a community group that provides snow removal services for those in need.

Community Resources

Communication channels to receive current information:

• Street Department <u>snow removal website</u>

- Follow @spokanecity on Facebook and Twitter
- Spokane Public Schools
- Spokane Regional Transportation Management Center cameras
- Avista power <u>outage map</u>

Aging & Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington's Community Living Connections program:

• Helpline 509-960-7281 for seniors in need and individuals with disabilities to get connected to a resource that can assist with snow removal on driveways or sidewalks. The agency is also seeking community groups willing to worder-volunteer for this program. Call 509-960-7281 or email action@altcew.org if your group is interested in volunteering for this important community service.

About the City of Spokane

The City of Spokane, home to more than 220,000 people, is located in the heart of the Inland Northwest. Our 2,000 employees strive to deliver efficient and effective services that facilitate economic opportunity and enhance the quality of life for all our residents. For more information, visit www.spokanecity.org and follow us @spokanecity on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.