

CITY OF BRISTOL – PUBLIC WORKS POLICY

25.3 Debris and Excessive Snow Clearing Priority Plan

1. Policy Name

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2. Responsible Division and effective date

Public Works Streets Division, effective date TBD

3. Rationale or Purpose

This policy establishes the formal Debris and Excessive Snow Clearing Priority Plan Snow Removal and Ice Control plan for the City of Bristol. The policy also defines the routes and priorities for snow removal and ice control.

4. Policy Statement

The Streets Division of Public Works has responsibility for control of snow and ice on City streets. The division strives to provide snow removal and ice control in a safe and cost effective manner. The City uses Public Works staff and equipment as well as private contractors as needed to provide adequate snow removal and ice control for the safety of travelers on City streets.

5. Scope

This policy applies to all streets within the City of Bristol, with the exception of State-maintained roads.

State-maintained roads within the City are Route 72, Route 69, Route 6 and Route 229. The State is responsible for snow removal and ice control on these roads. The Streets Division of Public Works will respond when an emergency situation arises and the State Department of Transportation is unavailable.

This plan is for the removal of excessive snow and ice materials after a major storm or due to the accumulation from a series of storms with little or no melting such that snow is affecting the public’s ability to use the roadways. This plan is a supplement to the Winter Operations Plan used for general snow removal and ice control operations. Public Works will widen streets based on the priorities listed below in each of the four City Districts (defined by rubbish collection routes).

6. Procedures

Priorities will be as follows:

- 1) Minor Arterial roads (see list below) and streets within one block of a school, cleared curb to curb. Intersection sight line clearing.

District 1 (Monday Routes)

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Jerome Avenue | Maltby Street |
| Maple Avenue | Mix Street |
| Shrub Road | Stevens Street |

District 2 (Tuesday Routes)

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Birch Street | Central Street |
| Church Avenue | Emmett Street (N of Redstone Hill Road) |
| Lincoln Avenue | Pine Street |
| Redstone Hill Road | Stafford Avenue |
| Washington Street | |

District 3 (Wednesday Routes)

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Clark Avenue | James P. Casey Road |
| Peacedale Street | |

District 4 (Thursday & Friday Routes)

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| Allentown Road | Fall Mountain Road |
| Lake Avenue | Louisiana Avenue |
| Memorial Boulevard | Mountain Road |
| South Street | West Washington Street |
| Willis Street | Witches Rock Road |
| Wolcott Street (W of Wolcott Road) | |

2) *Collectors* (see list below) provide for traffic movement between neighborhoods within the city and also give access to adjacent properties. They create the connecting links in the street system: traffic can be carried from local streets via collectors to major and minor arterials.

District 1 (Monday Routes)

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Lewis Road | Lewis Street |
| Round Hill Road | Sonstrom Road |

District 2 (Tuesday Routes)

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|--------------|-------------|
| Brook Street | Todd Street |
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District 3 (Wednesday Routes)

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Hart Street | Hill Street |
| Matthews Street | Minor Street |
| Perkins Street | |

District 4 (Thursday & Friday Routes)

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|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bellevue Avenue | Center Street (west of Maple Street) |
| Blakeslee Street | Church Street |
| Cross Street | Divinity Street |
| Downs Street | East Road |
| High Street | Main Street |
| Maple Street | North Main Street |
| Oakland Street | Peck Lane |
| Queen Street | Woodland Street |

3) Local roads on our priority listing (below) which are near schools or used for school bus transit will be cleared to a sufficient width to allow safe passage of two way traffic, sight line clearing, turning movements of busses and areas of bus stops

District 1 (Monday Routes)

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Ivy Drive | Felice Road |
| Ohio Drive | Mines Road |
| Vanderbilt Road | Willow Brook Road |

District 2 (Tuesday Routes)

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Anderson Avenue | Andrews Street |
| Curtiss Avenue | Frederick Street |
| Mountain View Avenue | Redstone Street |
| Welch Drive | |

District 3 (Wednesday Routes)

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Barlow Street | Battle Street |
| Chapel Street | Curtiss Street |
| Jacob Street | Marsh Road |
| North Pond Street | Pound Street |
| Waterbury Road | |

District 4 (Thursday & Friday Routes)

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|---|---|
| Belridge Road (Woodland Street to Brewster Road) | Brewster Road (Belridge Road to Queen Street) |
| Broadview Street | Crown Street |
| Federal Street | Goodwin Street |
| Gridley Street | Meadow Street |
| Mellon Street (Riverside Avenue to Prospect Street) | Moody Street |
| Page Avenue | Prospect Street |
| Riverside Avenue (N Main Street to Main Street) | Rockwell Avenue |
| South Street Extension | Stewart Street |
| Summer Street | Union Street |
| View Street | |

- 4) Public Works will then be clearing the turning lanes on Minor Arterial and Collector Streets at their intersections with Arterials (State Roads) and each other.
- 5) Our next priority will be any remaining streets shown as bus routes on the information provided to us by the Board of Education and local streets used by children walking to school. This list will be confirmed annually after the start of school and before the onset of winter. These will be cleared to a sufficient width to allow safe passage of two way traffic, sight line clearing, and turning movements of busses and in the area of bus stops.
- 6) All the public schools.

- 7) The two blocks nearest the school on local streets used by children walking to school will be cleared curb to curb plus sightline clearing.
- 8) Widening of the travel lanes on North Main and Main Street roadways.
- 9) Remainder of local roads with the exception of dead-ends and cul-de-sacs. These will be cleared to a sufficient width to allow safe passage of two way traffic plus sightline clearing.
- 10) Dead-ends and cul-de-sacs. These will be cleared to a sufficient width to allow safe passage of two way traffic and the removal of piled snow from the center of the cul-de-sac.
- 11) Any remaining City properties not addressed earlier.

7. Roles/Responsibilities

The Snow and Ice Control Supervisor role is filled by the following positions, in the order presented, based on availability: Streets Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Streets, Superintendent of Solid Waste, Solid Waste and Recycling Operations Analyst, Assistant Director of Public Works.

It is the responsibility of Public Works to manage ice control and snow removal to ensure safe travel on City streets.

The Streets Maintenance Supervisor will assign winter operation Group Leaders to inspect their respective district prior and during the winter operations season and proactively address any hazards that may cause damage to personal property or equipment.

Supervisors; and Group Leaders (when invoked) will make necessary adjustments to their assigned areas due to circumstances which affect winter operations. Group Leaders will oversee trucks and equipment which have been assigned to them by the Supervisor for storm fighting. The Supervisor(s) may handle a smaller operation when group leaders are not warranted.

It is the responsibility of residents to properly locate and maintain mailboxes and other personal property in the City's right-of-way to avoid damage from snow plowing.

Travelers are urged to stay off the streets during a winter storm to help minimize delays in service. It is advisable to handle all errands prior to the predicted winter weather. The Streets Division and travelers must afford reasonableness to each other during inclement weather. The Department appreciates the cooperative effort by the residents and travelers of Bristol.

8. Definitions

N/A

9. References

See also City of Bristol, Code of Ordinances:

Section 14-32, Section 14-39, Section 21-23, Section 21-24, Section 21-25, and Section 21-25.2. Also refer to Policy 25 Snow Removal and Ice Control

10. Consequences of Non-Compliance

N/A

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