

WVU FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

SNOW REMOVAL PLAN AND PROCEDURES

WVU Facilities Management maintains over 9 million square feet of building space. The Roads & Grounds, Zone Maintenance and Operations staff are responsible for snow and ice removal on campus. This includes 4 miles of campus roads, over 25 miles of sidewalks, approximately 5000 steps and many acres of parking lots. Event parking areas are cleared on an as needed basis for the WVU Coliseum, Creative Arts Center and other venues.

Every effort is made during snow removal operations to keep the campus free and clear from any ice buildup or snow. Existing weather conditions may determine how quickly roads, sidewalks and steps are cleared.

The Morgantown campus is comprised of three sub-campuses where crews utilizing various equipment perform snow and ice removal activities. Equipment used includes three large loaders with 14 foot plows, 10 plow trucks with salt or brine spreaders, tractors with plows and/or brooms and 10 commercial articulated sweeping units with power brooms and spreaders. The university also utilizes 6 all-terrain vehicles (with plows and 50 gallon tanks) for application of salt brine which is used for pre-treating and light snows.

During the winter months, the roadways on the university campus are inspected on a continual basis by the University Police Department and Facilities Management staff. The forecast, existing conditions, university activities and other factors are assessed to determine staffing needs and the timing of snow removal/ice treatment. Essential personnel will continue to work until all areas of campus are accessible and safe for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

WVU reminds the campus community of the [winter weather procedures](#) should conditions become dangerous.

In most instances snow and ice removal will occur **simultaneously** for roadways, parking lots, primary sidewalks and primary entrances. In situations when snow and ice occur with heavy snow accumulation or is difficult to handle, the following priorities will be followed:

1. Roadways serving university campus buildings starting with Health Sciences parking lot.
2. Student ADA drop off points and paths to building entrances, parking lots including ADA accessible, permit based lots and short term lots.
3. Main sidewalks leading to campus building entrances, with special attention to the bus loading areas at Evansdale Crossing.
4. Side entrances, back entrances, and all limited access exits.
5. Long term parking lots where vehicles are used sporadically.
6. Contractor assistance will begin additional snow removal after snow has accumulated over 1 “.

Safety is a top priority of the Facilities Management unit. Our goal is to keep all WVU streets, parking lots, sidewalks and steps safe for vehicular and pedestrian use during any snow event.

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

- If you arrive at work and your normal parking lot is not plowed, please try to park in a plowed lot or park in a group/cluster with other vehicles to ease snow removal.
- At times, it can be extremely difficult for the operators to see pedestrians or vehicles while operating equipment, so please allow as much space as possible between you and the equipment (at least fifty feet is recommended). The more room you give us to work, the quicker we can have the snow and ice removed for your convenience.
- Please do not pull out or walk in front of trucks or any other equipment

If you have any special snow removal requests please contact our HELP Line at 304-293-4357.