

WVU FACILITIES MANAGEMENT ROADS & GROUNDS

SNOW REMOVAL PLAN AND PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

During the winter months, WVU FM Roads & Grounds provides snow and ice removal as conditions warrant for 4 miles of campus roads, over 25 miles of sidewalks, approximately 5000 steps and many acres of parking lots. Roads & Grounds also provides snow and ice removal at the WVU Coliseum, Creative Arts Center, and other venue's for event parking on an as needed basis. If you have any special snow removal requests please contact our HELP Line at 293-4357.

The campus is divided into many routes with crews utilizing various equipment which includes three large loaders with 14' Plows, 10 trucks with plows & salt spreaders, tractors with plows or brooms, 10 Commercial articulated sweeping units with power brooms and most with spreaders, along with six UTV's, many with plows and all with 50 gallon tanks for the application of Salt Brine used for pre-treating and light snows.

BACKGROUND

During 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 how many staff to call in and when to begin snow removal and ice treatment operations. Crews will work throughout the day if warranted and staff will stay into the night to make all accessible areas safe for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

[WVU reminds campus community of winter weather procedures](#)

Priority for snow and ice removal: 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 occurs with heavy accumulation or is difficult to handle, the following priorities will be followed.

1. Roadways serving university campus buildings starting with Health Sciences parking.
2. Parking lots including ADA accessible, permit based lots, and all Short Term lots.
3. All main sidewalks leading to campus building entrances.
4. Provide safe egress at all main building entrances.
5. All side entrances, back entrances, and all limited access exits.
6. Special attention to the bus Loading/Unloading areas at Evansdale crossing.
7. Long term parking lots where vehicles are used sporadically.
8. Contractor will begin snow removal after snow has accumulated over 1 ".

Goal

The goal of the FM Roads & Grounds department is to keep all University streets, parking lots, sidewalks and steps safe for vehicular traffic and pedestrian movement. This is always the first priority of the FM staff during a snow event.