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With the recent snowfall, The Dalles Public Works Department will continue its efforts to maintain accessible streets. City crews have been working every day and night to plow, sand and de-ice streets since the first snow fell last Friday. Those efforts are continuing consistent with the attached Winter Weather Response Plan.

The current weather forecast calls for warming temperatures and rain over coming days. These conditions will cause the snow to quickly melt. Residents are reminded not to pile snow from sidewalks and private property in streets or over stormwater catch basins; doing so can block the flow of melt water and increase localized flooding.

Please remember that City efforts to manage snow and ice on streets cannot replace the use of appropriate traction tire or devices for vehicles. Please drive safely during winter weather conditions.

More information on the City's Winter Weather Response Plan and snow plow routes can be found on the City's website at thedalles.org/winterweatherresponse

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City of The Dalles Winter Weather Response Plan

Primary Objective: Keep as many arterial streets open and passable during the entire storm. Included with arterial streets are the emergency routes to the hospital. In order to accomplish this, we have implemented three phases during a snow storm.

Phase 1: Priority City Activities for Phase 1 are to sand, deice or plow intersections at all stop signs and stop lights on arterials, emergency routes, and steep north/south arterials as well as school bus snow routes. More than half of school bus routes will be plowed during Phase 1 snow removal activities. When the storm ends and Phase 1 snow removal activities are complete, a high priority will be assigned to school bus routes located on arterials and collectors during Phase 2 snow removal activities when school is in session.

Phase 2: When the storm ends and Phase 1 is complete, City crews will begin to sand, deice and plow collectors as well as those streets which are steep and would be otherwise unpassable or hazardous without sanding, deicing and/or plowing. Steep streets are classified as having grades in excess of 5%. A high priority will be assigned to school bus routes located on Phase 2 street classifications if school is in session.

Phase 3: City crews respond to citizen snow plow, deicing and sanding requests on minor collectors and local streets. During Phase 3 the City will also maintain or restore parking along curb lines in the Downtown Area