

## NOTICE

Winter weather is upon us and the Grant County Public Works Department would like to remind the public of its policy for snow plowing.

1. Crews will not be called-out after normal working hours, on weekends, or on holidays to remove snow/sand for snow accumulations less than three (3) inches, or during blizzard/high wind and drifting snow conditions until the wind has subsided.
2. Sanding operations are limited to intersections, steep grades, and sharp curves. Sand will not be applied until the falling snow has subsided. The County will call-out crews to sand these areas on major arterials if freezing rain over 1/8 inch thick adheres to the roadways.
3. Crews will be called-out to assist in emergency situations defined as **only** an event where fire, police, emergency medical services are called upon to respond quickly to prevent harm to or loss of human life or property.
4. The priority for plowing/sanding is **1.) Major Arterials 2.) Minor Arterials with Steep Grades 3.) Other Arterials 4.) Rural and Local Access Connectors 5.) Dead-end Rural and Local Access Roads**. Road or road sections which are also identified as emergency School Bus Routes will receive first priority status within the above classifications when school is in session. Deviations to this priority schedule may occur to allow the best utilization of available equipment.
5. County equipment will not be used to extract stuck private vehicles except in emergency situations. An emergency situation is described as an individual needing immediate medical attention or an individual being exposed to severe weather without assistance.
6. As a general rule the County does not plow gravel roads until snow exceeds six (6) inches in depth.
7. In the event of multiple snow fall events and/or drifting, the County crews will cycle back to higher priority roadways. This can result in lower priority roadways being left unplowed for extended periods of time, affecting such things as mail delivery and garbage pick-up.

In accordance with Laws of the State of Washington, private lanes and driveways **will not** be plowed.