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Snow Removal and Citizen Safety

(Hailey, Idaho) – Snow season is just around the corner. In preparation for winter, the City of Hailey offers the following reminders to support efficient snow removal operations, and to keep visitors and citizens safe during and after snow events.

FOR EVERYONE’S SAFETY PLEASE AVOID INTERFERING WITH SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL. Please take alternate routes when you see snow removal operations on the street ahead of you. Passing, tailgating, or cutting off this equipment is hazardous, as operators are focused on their tasks and may not see you.

DO NOT PARK VEHICLES OVERNIGHT (12AM-7AM) IN THE CITY’S RIGHT OF WAY FROM NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH MAY 1ST.

For safety and efficiency purposes, the city plows at night whenever possible. It is permissible to move your vehicles into the right of way (the side of road between the street and your yard) during the day to clean your driveway. Where there is no improved curb and gutter, vehicles must be *at least* six feet off edge of asphalt. Illegally parked vehicles may be towed without notice and at the owner’s expense.

CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY AND THE DREADED BERM:

City ordinance prohibits plowing snow across or onto any public street, parking area, alley or sidewalk. Do not push or plow the snow back onto the roadway before or after the plow has gone by, as it may impede emergency service access. When clearing your driveway, store the snow in your own yard. The berm that accumulates in your driveway following snow removal activity is an unavoidable result of street plowing and post-storm cleanup. In large storms, you may need to clear your driveway berm more than once. Do not push the berm back into the street. We understand that the snow berm is inconvenient and an unfortunate result of living in snow country, but we request your cooperation and tolerance. Removal operations would take up to five times longer if our policy included clearing individual driveways and the berms that snowplowing leaves behind. The city does not have the resources to support this level of snow removal.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH CONTAINER IN THE RIGHT OF WAY DURING A SNOW EVENT. Please keep your trash cans and all personal items back away from the roadway during and immediately following a storm. The city is not responsible for a damaged trash can or other property left within the right of way.



MAILBOXES MUST BE KEPT AT LEAST 8 FEET FROM THE EDGE OF THE STREET. To avoid damage, keep all mailboxes or other landscaping on private property outside of the right of way. The City routinely uses the right of way for snow storage and snow removal operations. The City is not responsible for keeping the area in front of your mailbox clear, or for damaged mailboxes or other property left within the right of way.

DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN BUILD SNOW CAVES OR SNOW FORTS NEAR THE ROADWAY SNOWBANKS. Snow forts can seem like a lot of fun, but they are dangerous when built in the City right of way or next to the road. When snow builds up we push the banks back to help with visibility at intersections. Visibility inside a plow truck and around large banks of snow is limited. We want to be sure all citizens enjoy the snow safely.

SNOWPLOW ROUTE PRIORITIES. Hailey's Snow Removal Policy specifies priority snowplow routes in the following manner: 1) main arterials connecting hospitals, police and fire stations will be kept open, 2) all other main arterials and select collectors, bus routes and around schools, 3) all other collectors, hills, intersections and other "hot spots," and 4) all remaining streets such as residential and local streets. If the snow event is large and snow continues to fall in back-to-back snow events, it takes the entire crew to keep priority 1, 2, or 3 routes open, and can take days to get to priority 4 routes.

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