

A photograph of a yellow snowplow clearing a snow-covered street. The plow is in the center, moving from left to right. To its left is a multi-story brick building with several windows. The street is covered in a thick layer of snow, and other vehicles are visible in the distance. The sky is overcast and it appears to be snowing. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

Department of Public Works 2008 – 09 Snow Season Preparation

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Current Goals by Street Type

Priority	Street Type	Condition Goal	Salting Time Goal	Plowing Time Goal
1	Open mass transit routes (includes non tow-away routes).	Bare pavement, curb- to-curb	4 hours from start of operation	6-12 hours from end of snowfall or before next rush hour
2	Open main streets, arterials and fire lanes to through traffic.	Bare pavement, curb-to-curb	4 hours from start of operation	6-12 hours from end of snowfall
3	Open residential streets to through traffic (includes the clearing of dead-ends, cul-de-sacs and boulevard openings).	Safe and passable, not bare pavement. (Curb-to-curb in low density areas only)	6-8 hours from start of operation One pass down center of road.	18-24 hours from end of snowfall (Center lane only in parking congested districts)
4	Alternate side plowing and cleanup.	Safe and passable, not bare pavement	-	1 - 2 days from end of snowfall
5	Plowing of sidewalks, crosswalks and alley openings.	Safe and passable, not bare pavement	-	3 - 4 days from end of snowfall
6	Clearing of bus stops.	Safe and passable, not bare pavement	-	3 – 4 days from end of snowfall
7	Snow removal – street and/or intersection widening.	Safe and passable, not bare pavement	-	Several days after end of snowfall

Salt Inventory

- 25,000 tons in our domes
- 30,000 tons on Milwaukee dock
- \$38.12/ton delivered
- Conservation mode

Inter-department Coordination

- MPS – snow emergency playground parking
- Milwaukee County – City streets maintained
- Parking Enforcement – ticket/towing
- DPW managers – combined effort

Plow Routes & Maps

- Reviewed, updated, laminated
- Schools, cul-de-sacs & dead ends designated
- Route sections rotated – A & B

Communications

- Media releases – contact lists updated
- Emails – operational updates
- E-Notify
- Website updates

Salt & Plow Truck Drivers

- All 400 drivers equipped with a pager
- Modified B-Team no show policy
- Enhanced Snow Plow driver training

Bus Stops & Pedestrian Ramps

- \$280,000 added to 2009 adopted budget
- 10 addtl pieces of sidewalk snow equipment
- 10 addtl end loaders for bus stops
- 10 DPW Inspectors for quality control
- Revise Ordinance 116-8