

**City of Rochester Hills**  
Winter Maintenance Policy  
2004 - 2005

**Purpose:**

To provide a safe and passable roadway system during the winter season by operating winter road maintenance services respective of the limited financial resources available to the City.

**Objectives for Winter Maintenance Operations**

1. Reduce the risk to the traveling public associated with snowy and icy road conditions respectful of the City's limited financial resources.
2. Prioritize the school bus routes when winter maintenance and plowing does occur.
3. Support emergency operations for the Police and Fire Departments.
4. Provide cost effective and fiscally sound use of limited winter maintenance funds while planning for the duration of the season's needs.
5. Promote better communications with adjoining communities and road agencies to provide information of the conditions of road surfaces.

**Background:**

Each street is classified with a level of importance to the community. Each classification has been assigned a level of maintenance during winter storm conditions. Major Routes will receive a higher priority and will be cleared before resources are diverted to local streets. The classifications are as follows:

**Major Routes:**

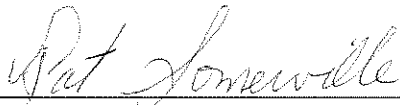
Provide maintenance services as appropriate under prevailing weather conditions with a goal of providing a pavement surface generally cleared of snow and ice. Winter maintenance crews will blade snow and ice from the roadway surfaces and apply deicing chemicals as needed to provide a reasonably cleared pavement. It is intended that this work will be accomplished using overtime as needed and within budgeted funds.

**Local Routes:**

Provide maintenance services as appropriate under prevailing weather conditions with a goal of providing a pavement surface that is passable and possibly snow covered. Maintenance crews shall blade and plow snow from the traveled portion of the road with a remaining cover of snow. No general application of deicing chemicals shall be placed except in extreme conditions of sleet and freezing rain conditions. Hills, curves, and intersections will be spot treated with deicing chemicals or abrasives on an as needed basis and as financial resources permit. No scheduled overtime will be worked on these routes.

**Communications:**

The City of Rochester Hills will receive information and comments from the public at the following telephone number: 248-656-4685.

  
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Pat Somerville, Mayor