

Chandler Street Department Snow Removal

Our Policy

The Chandler Street Department utilizes three plows and two salt and material spreaders to clear the way during inclement weather. During a weather event that requires plowing and/or spreading salt mixture, the Street Department assesses the current and anticipated conditions to deploy crews with the appropriate equipment. Our crews are available to respond to winter weather events 24/7.

When our snow removal crews are deployed during a winter weather event, their primary focus is to clear or treat main roads that have the most traffic (including school bus snow routes). After both lanes of these streets have been cleared or treated, the Street Department will begin work on secondary roads. Because of the lower traffic volumes, dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs are cleared last. After all streets have had one pass on each lane, crews will follow up with streets that demand more attention.

How You Can Help

The Indiana Department of Transportation offers these tips for safe driving around snow plows:

- Distance – Give snow plows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don't tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.
- Speed – Snow plows travel below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Allow plenty of time to slow down. Remember: Ice and Snow, Take it Slow.
- Vision – A snow plow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops or turns.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What is in the salt mixture the Street Department uses?

This material is a mixture of 75% calcium chloride (road salt) and 25% sand. The ratio of this mix is dependent on weather and road conditions. This mixture can be applied to the streets before or during a winter weather event, depending on conditions. Salt-sand mix is an effective tool until the temperature drops below 20 degrees Fahrenheit. When the forecast calls for temperatures below 20 degrees, other measures will have to be taken.

Why not use road salt all of the time?

It really depends on multiple factors, such as road temperature, current and upcoming weather conditions, sunlight, and material stockpile shortages from our vendors.

Who clears sidewalks and driveways?

Both are the responsibility of residents and property owners. Residents should shovel snow into the yard if possible, not onto the street. Putting snow onto the street causes dangerously slippery conditions for both motorists and pedestrians. Town crews try to avoid putting large piles of snow in front of driveways; however, this is not always possible.

Why do the snow plow operators plow my driveway shut?

It is impossible for the snow plow operator to plow the wind row from every driveway. Snow plows push snow; it is not a bucket with which you can pick up snow and deposit it elsewhere. To avoid having to double shovel, simply wait until after your street has been plowed to clear your driveway. If you must shovel before the snow plow gets to your street, shovel the snow to the passing side of your driveway (the left side when entering your driveway). The plow will be past your driveway when it hits the snow pile.