

# Longmont *snow* savvy guide

The City's Public Works division maintains 340 miles of centerline roadway in Longmont. About half of this (140 miles) is plowed as part of the annual Snow & Ice Control Program.

**340 MILES**  
OF ROADWAY

**140 MILES**  
ARE PLOWED

**FAQ** MORE Q & A  
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## FAQ WHY NOT PLOW EVERYTHING?

- A** It would be very expensive (at least double the cost).
- A** Many residents would end up with an even greater snow removal burden on sidewalks and driveways, etc.
- A** Plowing would often create rows of snow in residential areas blocking driveways, street-parked cars and trash carts - resulting in worse conditions than leaving the road unplowed.



Plowed snow can block driveways, creating shoveling issues for residents.

EACH STORM BRINGS UNIQUE CHALLENGES, SO SNOW AND ICE OPERATIONS ARE OPTIMIZED TO TARGET A FAIRLY WIDE RANGE OF CONDITIONS.

## OUR CORE OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

- 1 Provide access to emergency services.
- 2 Maintain the safest possible flow of commuter traffic through the city during the storm, emphasizing access to bus routes and schools.
- 3 Restore normal driving conditions as soon as possible after the storm has ended.



*hitting the streets*

City of Longmont  
Public Works

## THE DECISION TO BEGIN SNOW OPERATIONS IS BASED ON MANY FACTORS.

These factors include predicted weather conditions, air and ground temperatures, and the potential for consecutive storms occurring in a short time period. Planning for a six inch snow storm will vary significantly depending on the month, forecasts, and existing road conditions.

## TECH TOOLS

We utilize a variety of advanced monitoring systems to gather timely and accurate information for planning and deployment, including:

HOURLY AND DAILY TEMPERATURES

LIVE STREET CAMERAS

SNOW FALL MEASUREMENTS

LOCAL AND LONG TERM FORECASTS

PAVEMENT AND AIR TEMPERATURES

RADAR MAPS



### BE SNOW SAVVY

View the same Street Snow Cameras we use to get a real-time glimpse of street conditions in Longmont at [bit.ly/street-snow-cams](http://bit.ly/street-snow-cams).

## A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH

We strive to make the very best use of dollars available for the Snow & Ice Control Program. Activities we do before, during and after a storm are planned to prevent waste. Sometimes, this includes holding back on work that Mother Nature can best complete for free.



It is also our goal to conduct operations with care for the environment. We use natural salt products for ice control, which leave minimal residue and result in healthier air quality for the city and the region. Additionally, our specialized application techniques reduce the amount of salt needed, help it adhere to the roadway and minimize damage to vegetation located next to the road.

The Snow & Ice Control Program is vital to assure safety and accessibility in our community for all residents.

