

City of Alpena

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Snowplowing FAQ's

With the impending weather approaching, the City of Alpena would like to remind residents that a Snowplowing FAQ is available on the City's website under the Quick Links tab on the upper right.

https://cms3.revize.com/revize/alpenami/document_center/residents/Transparency/Snowplowing%20FAQ%20011224.pdf

This FAQ is a great resource for answering questions regarding plowing priorities, methods, and safety concerns.

Please be safe if you must be out on the streets, and be particularly cautious when you are near snowplows. Plows may come to a complete stop in the middle of streets and they will most likely stop and back-up at intersections. This is all part of the snow plowing process and methods. For these reasons, it is important to maintain a safe distance from snowplows at all times. While you may not be able to anticipate or understand what the plows are doing, you can at least give yourself enough time to react accordingly.

The priorities for clearing streets are as follows: State Trunklines (State, Chisholm, Washington) are always first, then the major streets. Local streets are plowed after all major streets have been cleared and salted. Please be aware that sometimes, if the snow is still falling, we may have to return to the trunklines and majors before handling the local (side) streets. In some cases, plows may make just one pass down the local streets, just enough to get the residents access. After the local streets are plowed, then the graveled (maintained) alleys are plowed. Public parking lots are also plowed at the same time as the streets as staffing levels allow.

This storm will produce a large volume of snow that will have to be plowed and deposited on the sides of the streets. Residents should avoid storing items near the street and in between the curb and sidewalk. Items such as garbage cans, basketball hoops, and similar items may get damaged or destroyed by snow flying off the plow blades. Likewise, residents who park between the sidewalk and street may want to relocate their vehicle to a driveway, if possible, during plowing activities.

Please be patient with our drivers, they are doing the best that they can, as quickly and safely as possible. They will be running constant shifts this weekend, with little or no time to see their families. Home for just enough time to sleep and then get back at it, and most of the time, plowing when we're at home with our families or sleeping. Thank you for your support and please be safe out there. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact City Hall, 989.354.1700

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