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We have had many questions about the responsibility of the City when it comes to snow removal and here is what we do and how we do it. The total number of employees that are dedicated to plowing snow is 6; four from the Street Department and two from the Parks Department. There are also 2 Water Department employees that can help with emergencies but normally their time is best dedicated to water production and supply.

We plow all City Streets and some designated fire lanes, that is where the 4 employees from the DPW have to spend all of their time, because that is a sizeable task. These folks, you will see in the two big plow trucks, the one-ton dump truck, and other smaller trucks with plows. They have to focus on getting all of the streets cleaned off **before** they can hit public parking areas and cleaning up of intersections and dead ends. These employees also have a maximum number of hours that they can spend behind the wheel of plow trucks for obvious safety reasons.

The two parks employees focus on sidewalks and access to public areas such as City Hall, the Amtrak station, and the sidewalks downtown along North Whittaker. When they are done with these priorities, they then move to sidewalks in parks and other public areas. Sidewalk clearing IS the responsibility of each property owner and not that of the City. We do not receive any additional funds from any organization or property owner to plow or shovel, this is all done with tax dollars.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask

Thanks
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