

Town of Carbondale Snow and Ice Control Guidelines

The following information is general in nature and it should be understood that weather conditions and timing of storms may result in changes to these general guidelines on a storm-by-storm basis.

When are streets, trails and sidewalks plowed?

- Trails/Sidewalks- Two inches of snow on the sidewalks/trails with continuing snowfall
- Streets- Four inches of snow on the streets with continuing snowfall

Which streets get plowed first?

- The streets in town are all assigned to one of four routes as shown on the map: [< Link to Map >](#)
Route # 1 is comprised of the major through streets in town and streets adjacent to schools.
Route #2 is generally the other roads in the downtown area. Route #3 is all of the other roads in town other than those in RVR, and Route #4 is all of the roads in RVR.
- If conditions dictate that snow removal is necessary, Town staff are called in to begin operations. The first staff to arrive are assigned to begin working on Route #1. As additional staff arrives they are assigned to Route #2, Route #3 and Route #4. When staffing allows, snow removal operations will be occurring on all four routes at the same time.

Why are some roads plowed to the middle and some to the outside?

- Parking and drainage concerns play a large role in determining where we plow to the outside and where we plow to the middle. In the majority of Town other than RVR, on-street parking and drainage concerns require us to plow to the middle of the road, pick up the piles and haul them off. In RVR, the limited on-street parking and drainage design allow us to plow to the outside.

What time do you start plowing?

- This is very dependent on the timing of the storm. However, in general, we start at approximately 4 AM which allows us to get the majority of the Route #1 roads plowed before people begin their daily activities.

How long does it take to remove the windrows of snow from the middle of the roads?

- After an "average" storm, it usually takes 2-3 days to get all of the windrows picked up and hauled off. The blowing and hauling operation typically starts on Main Street and then works its way out from the downtown core. The Town has one blower which is used to fill trucks (both Town-owned and contracted) which haul the snow to a storage area. This timeframe can be extended by the amount of snow and the weather conditions following the storm. The blower does not work well when temperatures rise and the windrows become slushy so there are times when we temporarily suspend operations until the temperatures drop enough to re-freeze the windrows.