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Cheyenne Area Snow and Ice Control Guide



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Most Cheyenne area snows are short-lived. Wyoming winter snows can be beautiful and they offer tremendous opportunity for winter recreational activities. They can, however, make driving challenging and dangerous. Cheyenne averages about 52 inches of snow per year, but the typical snowfall only stays on the ground for a few days before temperatures warm and melt it back to bare ground.

City Snow & Ice Control Capability - The City normally fields 10 snowplow trucks operating 24 hours per day. With over 400 miles of streets, our first priorities have to be main streets, providing access to emergency services and major community centers. Our second priority is to provide access to schools. As with most communities on the front range, we do not have the resources to plow residential streets on a routine basis. During a winter storm event, our main objective is to keep major city streets passable within the limitations imposed by climatological conditions, the availability of resources, and environmental concerns. After the storm event, we will try to plow residential areas as needed to make them passable. Most plowing operations take place at night.

A "passable roadway" is defined as a roadway surface that is free from drifts, snow ridges, and as much ice and snow pack as is practical and can be traveled safely at reasonable speeds. A passable roadway should not be confused with "dry pavement" or "bare pavement" which is essentially free of all ice, snow, and any moisture from shoulder to shoulder. This "dry/bare pavement" condition may not exist for several days until the weather conditions improve to where this pavement condition is feasible.

The definition of "reasonable speed" is considered a speed that a vehicle can travel without losing traction. During and immediately after a winter storm event, a reasonable speed will most likely be much lower than the posted speed limit. Motorists can expect some inconvenience and will be expected to modify their driving practices to suit road conditions.

The capability will decrease when subsequent winter storm events happen at a frequency where it is not possible to obtain passable roadway conditions and subsequently bare pavement between the events. The severity of a winter storm event, roadway temperatures, and availability of resources along with other factors will dictate how soon passable roadway conditions and subsequently bare pavement can be obtained.

WHAT TO DO

DO park your vehicles off the street, in garages, driveways, or on low priority roads, whenever possible. This protects your car from being "buried" by snow banks built by plowed snow. Nor can slip-sliding cars damage it. In addition, it leaves plenty of maneuvering room for snowplows.

DO shovel snow from your driveway onto the grass around it. By keeping your snow piles out of the street, those cursed windrows that are plowed across your driveway won't be nearly so high! The melting snow will feed the daffodils instead of storm sewers. DO take it easy! Shoveling snow is hard work and has been linked to heart attacks.

DO leave your car at home whenever possible. Car pools and public transit move people with fewer vehicles on the road. That means fewer vehicles stranded in snow banks and ditches or otherwise blocking plowing operations. Less traffic on roadways means fewer mishaps and accidents, fewer towing bills, less pollution, less stress on you!

Why doesn't the city plow residential streets?

The city will plow residential streets enough to make them passable for emergency vehicles after a major snow event. This may not take place for several days since all major streets must be cleared first. We do not routinely plow residential streets that are passable because of limited capability and the problem of where to put the snow. A windrow along the side of the street blocks cars and driveways and takes much longer to melt when the weather warms.

Why do you always plow snow on my sidewalk after I have cleared it?

We realize this is very frustrating and apologize for the inconvenience. Our snow plow drivers are instructed to keep from getting snow on the sidewalks as much as possible. However, with some streets, there is simply nowhere to put the snow other than over the curb and onto the attached sidewalk. With detached sidewalks, snow can be placed on the tree lawn (landscaped area between the back-of-curb and sidewalk).

Why don't the operators go slow so they don't throw the snow up onto the sidewalk?

We try not to throw snow onto the sidewalk but slowing down is not always the answer. Slower means less road that gets plowed and sometimes the trucks lose traction at slower speeds and can not move the snow.

Why doesn't the City purchase more equipment so they can plow residential streets?

Considering the relative few days that we have snow and the fact that it normally stays only a few days, it doesn't make economic sense to spend an additional several hundred thousand dollars for the manpower and equipment to have this capability.



NOTICE TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS

City Ordinance requires property owners and/or occupants to remove snow, ice or slush from sidewalks within 24 hours following a snow fall. City ordinance also prohibits the piling of snow, ice or slush from sidewalks, parking areas, and driveways into public streets in a way that creates a safety hazard for vehicles or pedestrians.

**If you have any questions regarding the
Snow and Ice Control Program,
Please call the responsible agency:**

- (Refer to Map)**
- City of Cheyenne.....637-6263**
- Laramie County.....633-4302**
- Wyoming DOT.....777-4375**

**Or Visit
www.cheyennecity.org, www.wyroad.info**

SNOW & ICE CONTROL PRIORITY PLAN

Please use caution when driving near a snowplow. These machines are very heavy and they do not respond like an automobile. The large size of the equipment and the poor visibility normally associated with this type of activity make this a very hazardous situation.

Priority Streets- These streets generally include all major highways and principal arterials, for example, Yellowstone Road, Central and Warren Avenues, Lincolnway, College Drive, and South Greeley Highway; emergency access routes for ambulance, fire and police; and streets with steep grades or potentially hazardous intersections.

The goal is to free these streets of most drifts, snow ridges, ice and/or snow pack as soon as possible. A snow melt product will be applied on hills and curves, as well as at all hazardous intersections.

Secondary Streets- These streets generally include collector and minor arterial streets, such as Carey and Snyder Avenue, 12th, 24th, 19th and 20th Streets, Ridge Road, Avenue C and East/West Allison. The goal on these roads is to keep traffic flowing, realizing that all reasonable safety precautions must be observed. Roads to and from schools are included in this category. A snow melt product will be applied at necessary locations.

Local or residential streets which are not classified "priority" or "secondary" are given sufficient service that will allow traffic to move safely at a restricted speed. Plowing will be done on local roadways only after priority and secondary streets are cleared and only as necessary for emergency vehicle access. A snow melt product will only be applied at hazardous locations.

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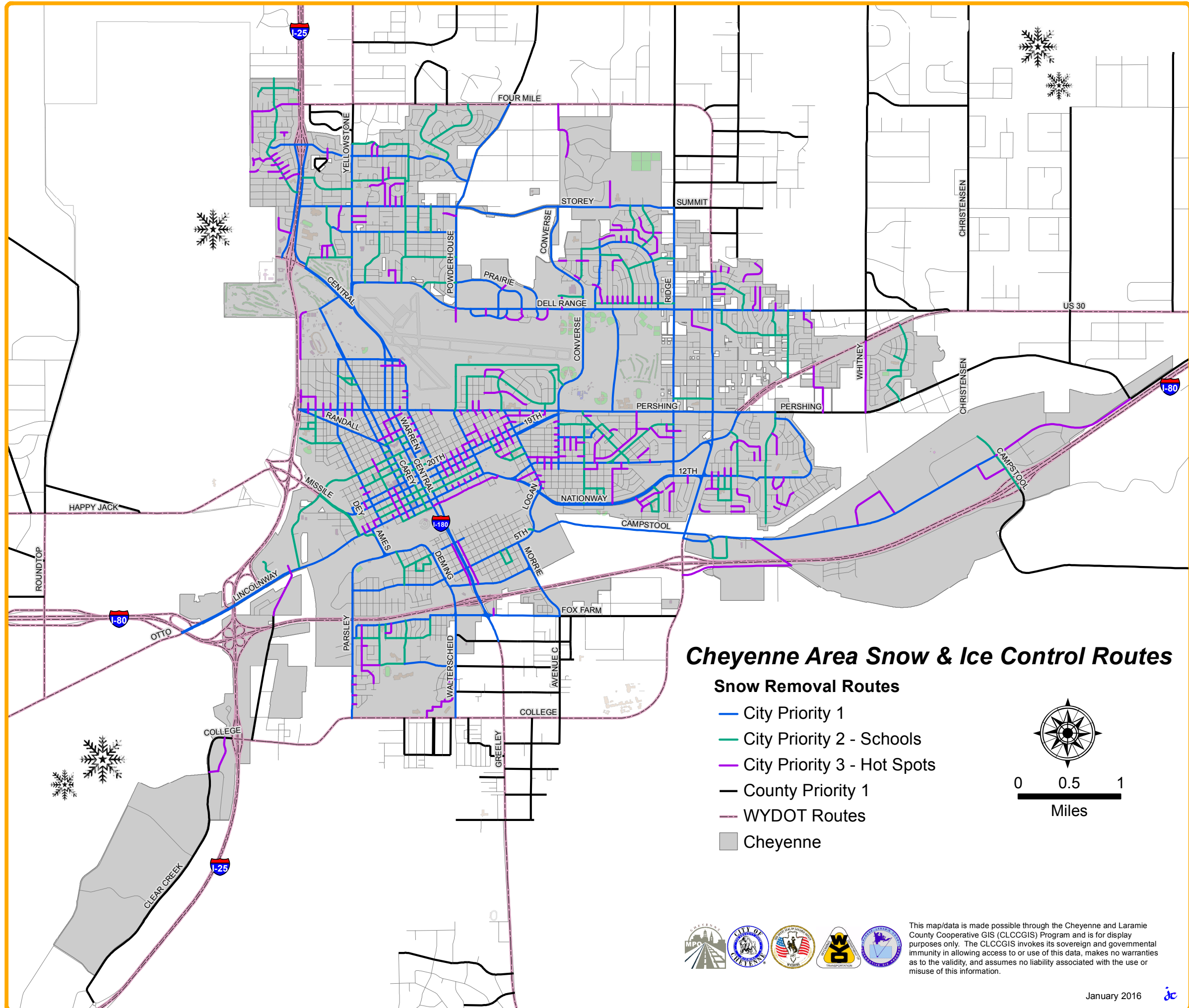
RADIO STATIONS	PHONE NUMBERS
KFBC 1240 AM	Cheyenne Police Assistance.....637-6500
KGAB 650 AM	Laramie County Sheriff633-4700
KRAE 1480 AM	Wyoming Highway Patrol.....777-4301
KING 101.9 FM	Cheyenne Transit Program (CTP) .637-6253
KLEN 106.3 FM	
KRRR 104.9 FM	



Wyoming 511 Travel Information Service Provided by WYDOT

- Dial 511 from cellular or land-line phones for road and weather conditions (dry, wet, slick, etc.);
- Travel advisories currently in effect;
- Temporary and seasonal closures;
- Current weather conditions; and
- Short-term weather forecasts (up to six hours ahead)
- www.wyroad.info for regional highway conditions.

Check out WYDOT's Snow Plow Priority Plan at www.dot.state.wy.us/home/travel/winter/snow_plow_priority_plan



Cheyenne Area Snow & Ice Control Routes

Snow Removal Routes

- City Priority 1
- City Priority 2 - Schools
- City Priority 3 - Hot Spots
- County Priority 1
- WYDOT Routes
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