

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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"Roadway Snow and Ice Removal"

With completion of the annual leaf collection approaching, City of Sylvania Street Division Crews will be transitioning to roadway snow and ice removal. They will be removing the leaf boxes from the trucks and installing snow plows, salt spreaders and brine tanks for the coming winter season.

Snow and ice removal is a big job in the City of Sylvania with over 73 miles of roadway to keep clear. During last winter, Streets Division workers spent 1,491 hours and used 1,974 tons of road salt to remove snow and ice from the roads. Our Parks Division also spent 340 hours clearing public parking lots and sidewalks.

Road salt is mixed into brine and applied to the streets a day or two before predicted storms. The brine prevents snow and ice from building up as the storm begins. A new brine mixer was purchased two years ago to help speed with brine preparation. Last year 11,835 gallons of salt brine was prepared and used. The City of Sylvania has two trucks equipped with liquid brine applicators and 11' wide snow plows, and five more trucks equipped with 11' wide snow plows and rock salt spreaders.

Snow emergencies are declared whenever four or more inches of snow is forecast or accumulates on the streets. During these snow emergencies, there will be no parking permitted on City streets to allow the snow plows to efficiently clear the streets, and also keep the streets wide enough for emergency vehicles to respond to calls for service.

Any vehicles parked in the streets during snow emergencies will be subject to ticketing and towing. Residents will be notified of snow emergencies through the media and by the Sylvania Alerts System, which residents can subscribe to without cost by visiting www.lucascountyalerts.com.

Residents are also reminded of the requirement to clear sidewalks in front of their property by the next morning following a snowstorm. Though most residents clear their sidewalks, the City always receives complaints about those who don't.

Snow and ice removal often keeps the trucks on the road 24 hours a day until the roads are clear. The heavier the storm, the longer the clearing process. The trucks will clear main roads first and then make one pass on all residential streets, following predetermined routes, then return for a second pass to widen residential streets out to full width.

Last year was more wintery than the prior two milder winters. Let's hope we don't have too much severe winter weather this year. When we do have storms, our City crews and equipment are ready and will be on the road keeping the snow and ice cleared.



Salt storage done and brine tank at the City Service Building



City truck equipped with brine tank and spreader



City truck equipped with salt spreader