DES MOINES SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS
BY THE NUMBERS

The City of Des Moines Snow Team consists of nearly 200 men and women.

It takes a fleet of 100 pieces of equipment from plows to loaders to graders and pick-ups to accomplish the task of removing snow.

The Snow Team works 24/7 to perform snow removal activities.

The goal of the Snow Team is to restore mobility to more than 2,200 lane miles of streets. 750 of these miles are within the Snow Route system and 1,450 miles are within snow districts or neighborhoods.

If snow accumulations are expected to be less than 2”, the City plows and salts ONLY the Snow Routes.

If snow accumulations are expected to be 2” or greater, the City will plow the entire City AND salt the Snow Routes.

All residences are no further than four blocks from a Snow Route, by design.

The streets are broken up into six categories:
1. Snow Routes and Critical Access Streets
2. Residential Streets
3. Odd/Even Parking Streets
4. Alley Routes
5. Cul-de-sac or Dead-end streets
6. Central Business District (Downtown)

There are five neighborhoods that fall into the ODD/EVEN parking zones.

BRINE — The City has 30,000 gallons of brine storage. We have a brine maker that can produce about 5,000 gallons per hour to fill trucks directly without the need for storage.

You can receive text message alerts by sending the keyword “DMSNOW” or “DMODDSNOW” for ODD/EVEN parking updates to 96000.

We ask that residents remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 48 hours after the last snowfall.

24-Hour Call Center is available at (515) 283-4950

Des Moines has the two best snow plow drivers in the state.

Average snowfall in DSM is 33 inches.

Winter 2018-2019, DSM received 48.6 inches of snow.

Visit DMsnow.org for the latest updates.