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Crews Maintaining Major Roads, Moving Into Residential Areas

The Department of Public Works this morning began assigning some crews to residential streets in central areas of Springfield. Crews will work steadily outward in all directions to systematically plow residential streets.

Other crews will continue to maintain the major arterial roads and "collector" streets that they have been plowing and treating continuously for more than 24 hours. The roads are passable but extremely cold temperatures will likely hinder further measureable progress on these surfaces in the in the short term. The focus now is on maintaining the current conditions and preventing snow drifts.

Because of the large number of miles of residential streets, Public Works crews will make one pass on either side of these street and then move on to the next street. Citizens shoveling driveways should place their snow "downstream," in the direction of traffic, so that the truck does not plow the recently shoveled snow back into the driveway. If standing in the driveway facing the street, shovel snow to your right side. Clearing away snow immediately "upstream" of the driveway is also advised. (See a video guide: http://bit.ly/shoveldrive)

The plow blade will be carrying snow that will leave a windrow in the driveways as they pass. Snowplows will not be able to plow out the driveways due to the time involved and the amount of work that needs to be accomplished.

Moving vehicles out of roadways and into driveways, garages or elsewhere, if at all possible, is advised.

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