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### **Winter costs City nearly \$1 million this season**

With spring in sight last week, Public Works added up the cost of the harsh winter so far – and it's nearly three times the cost of last winter. The yearly total for snow and ice events for the winter of 2012-2013 was \$377,000. This year's total to date is \$999,400.

Public Works has spread 4,501 tons of road salt so far this winter and plowed 53,516 lane miles, compared with 1,850 tons of salt and 14,527 lane miles last winter.

The department coordinates snow removal on 675 lane miles of high-priority emergency routes. Major roadways such as arterial and collector streets have priority.

Staff have put in 10,601 man hours for winter weather events so far this winter, compared with 3,124 man hours last winter. Snow-related overtime this winter totaled \$205,000. During the winter months, personnel are scheduled 24 hours per day, as needed, to ensure the safest possible travel conditions.

"Every snow season presents its own set of challenges. This year, we have been able to work through a salt shortage and still provide successful snow removal services," says Superintendent of Streets Ron Bailey.

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