



Generally the Baker City Public Works Department plows snow when at least 4 inches of snow has fallen, with more predicted.

City officials ask that residents move vehicles from streets so crews can plow snow all the way to the curb.

As in past winters, the city will strive to remove snow berms left by plows across driveways of residents who are elderly or disabled.

Eligible residents can sign up for the service at City Hall, 1655 First St. They will receive a painted wooden stake to

mark their driveway.

Residents who have been on the list in past years still need to go to City Hall, or call 541-523-6541, to remain on the list.

Other tips from the city:

- Parking vehicles off streets is especially important on priority 1, 2 and 3 routes

(red, blue and green streets in the map above) because they are plowed more often than other residential streets.

- When shoveling driveways after a plow has passed, move the snow behind the curb rather than into the street



Photo Courtesy Baker City Public Works

The city's four-wheeler sweeper makes a clean sweep of snow recently along the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway.

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ODOT will not charge the city for use of the grader, although city employees will have to drive to Salisbury Junction and retrieve the machine when it's needed.

A few Public Works employees recently went through training on operating the new grader, which has different controls — two joysticks — than conventional graders.

"It's a little different, it takes a little bit of getting used to," said Justin Plumbtree, an equipment operator for the city.

The other new tool in the city's box is an undercarriage broom installed on a four-wheel ATV. The city uses the machine to clear snow from the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway and other areas.



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Tom Fisk, right, Baker City Department of Public Works operations supervisor, chats with sweeper operator Matt McBride.

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