

RAWLINS SNOW PLAN

Working Hard to Keep You Moving



Our Goal

When winter weather hits, our Public Works team works hard to keep Rawlins' most important roads safe and open. We focus first on ensuring emergency routes, school zones, and main travel corridors stay passable so essential services and daily life can continue – even in tough Wyoming conditions.

Our goal is to have Priority 1 and 2 routes plowed and sanded/de-iced as soon as possible, influenced by the severity of the storm. We aim to have all remaining priority streets plowed within three working days after a typical storm.

In emergency situations (injury, illness, fires), plows are dispatched with first responders to ensure access.



What about severe storms?

When we receive 12 inches or more of snow in 24 hours, our Severe Snow Plan goes into effect. Learn more at www.rawlinswy.gov/severesnow.

The city may issue various alerts to help notify and protect our residents. Sign up for news via email or text at www.rawlinswy.gov/notifyme for “City of Rawlins News.”

During these events:

- A snow emergency or travel advisory may be issued.
- During a snow emergency, Priority 1 routes are enforced with “No Parking” to allow plows full access. These are marked with signs. Parking can resume once plowing is complete.
- During a travel advisory, please limit travel unless necessary and urgent.
- Crews may shift to staggered 24-hour operations.

Visit www.rawlinswy.gov/snow or call 307-328-4500 ext. 1022 for more info.



Our Priorities

Rawlins maintains about 85 miles of streets. Because of high winds and 50+ inches of average annual snowfall, we use a priority system to use our resources wisely considering the high cost of equipment and crews:

- Priority 1: Emergency routes and largest roads - plowed and sanded first
- Priority 2: Primary collectors and key connectors
- Priority 3: Streets to give access into neighborhoods
- Priority 4: Neighborhood roads; generally not plowed unless heavy drifting or safety concerns occur.

The snow removal plan was designed so very few residents have to go more than a few blocks to get to a plowed street. Because of strong winds, cleared streets may drift shut again – we return to priorities as needed.

You can find a map of the priority roads and our full snow removal plan at www.rawlinswy.gov/snow, or by visiting City Hall or Public Works.

Our gravity plows ride on top of the snowpack to protect water valves, manholes, and pavement. Removing snow to bare asphalt can cause damage.



How You Can Help

Everyone plays a part in keeping Rawlins safe:

- Give plows and loaders space. Stay back, slow down, and use alternate routes when possible.
- Never push snow into the street or alley. It's unsafe and illegal.
- Clear sidewalks and driveways. Property owners are responsible for sidewalk snow removal.
- Move vehicles off the street during large storms.
- Keep fire hydrants and utility meters visible.
- Drive safely: Brake slowly, allow extra distance, watch for pedestrians, and plan extra travel time.