

Reunion Metropolitan District

Snow Removal Policy

Who Clears Snow in Reunion?

Crews from the Commerce City Public Works Department are responsible for plowing snow on our public streets.

The Metro District's Parks and Open Space staff plows snow from park trails and sidewalks along major roads. Working with the School District, the District prioritizes the plowing of walk to school routes and school bus stops as designated. These routes and bus stops are normally plowed prior to school start times. The Metro District is also responsible for the removal of snow from designated alleyways

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Pursuant to Commerce City ordinance, snow removal is the responsibility of the property owner adjacent to the sidewalk. Commerce City only plows snow on the streets in Reunion.

- The Metro District plows snow from sidewalks on major roadways where we own or manage the adjacent property.
- Residents are responsible to remove snow from the sidewalks in front of their property.
- Please remember that if a fire hydrant is in front of your property, you should provide clear access to the fire hydrant.
- Clearing snow around community mailboxes is the responsibility of the box holders.

How does the Snow Plowing Service Benefit Our Community?

By plowing these routes, the Metro District is committed to providing safe access for residents. It is important to the Metro District to provide this alleyway, sidewalk and trail snow plowing service in a cost-effective manner. As a result, the Metro District has purchased light-duty equipment that is capable of plowing average Front Range snowfalls of 4-6 inches. This equipment is not able to plow heavy snowfalls like those experienced in the 2006-2007 winter season storms. Therefore the Metro District has contracted with an entity to assist at the District's discretion.

Service Guidelines

The following are the Metro District's plowing procedures, priorities and operating guidelines:

- **Snow depth** - Metro District staff will begin plowing within 24 hours after the snow event ends or when three (3) inches of snow has accumulated. If there is less than three inches of snow or site conditions are unsafe, the snow crew coordinator will determine the need to remove snow based on weather forecasts and site conditions.
- **School bus stops and walk to school routes** - Metro District staff will attempt to plow snow from designated areas 45 minutes prior to the opening time of each school.
- **Follow-up** - Follow-up will occur on consecutive days after a snowfall to ensure safe passage. Ice melt or sand will be applied as needed.

Metro District Service Areas and Priorities

Snow plowing will be provided for these facilities in the following priority order:

1. Reunion Recreation Center parking lots and access
2. Alleyways that service alley load garages facing the parks.
3. School bus stops and sidewalks to school routes.
4. Arterial sidewalks and trail system.