



# **News Release**

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## **Mountlake Terrace Prepared for Winter Weather**

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE—The city is getting ready now for winter weather by sweeping streets, cleaning storm drains and preparing for deicing and snow plowing.

The City of Mountlake Terrace is well equipped for, snow removal and deicing operations that are typical for Western Washington. The city's fleet includes five trucks equipped with snowplows and sand/salt spreaders and a sixth truck equipped with a dedicated liquid deicer applicator.

Snow removal and deicing routes are prioritized according to volume and speed of traffic, terrain, transit routes, routes to schools and routes utilized by emergency services. (See map of priority snow removal routes.) During and immediately following a storm, crews will concentrate on the established primary and secondary routes. Once these prioritized routes have been cleared, crews will begin plowing third tier routes to serve residential neighborhoods.

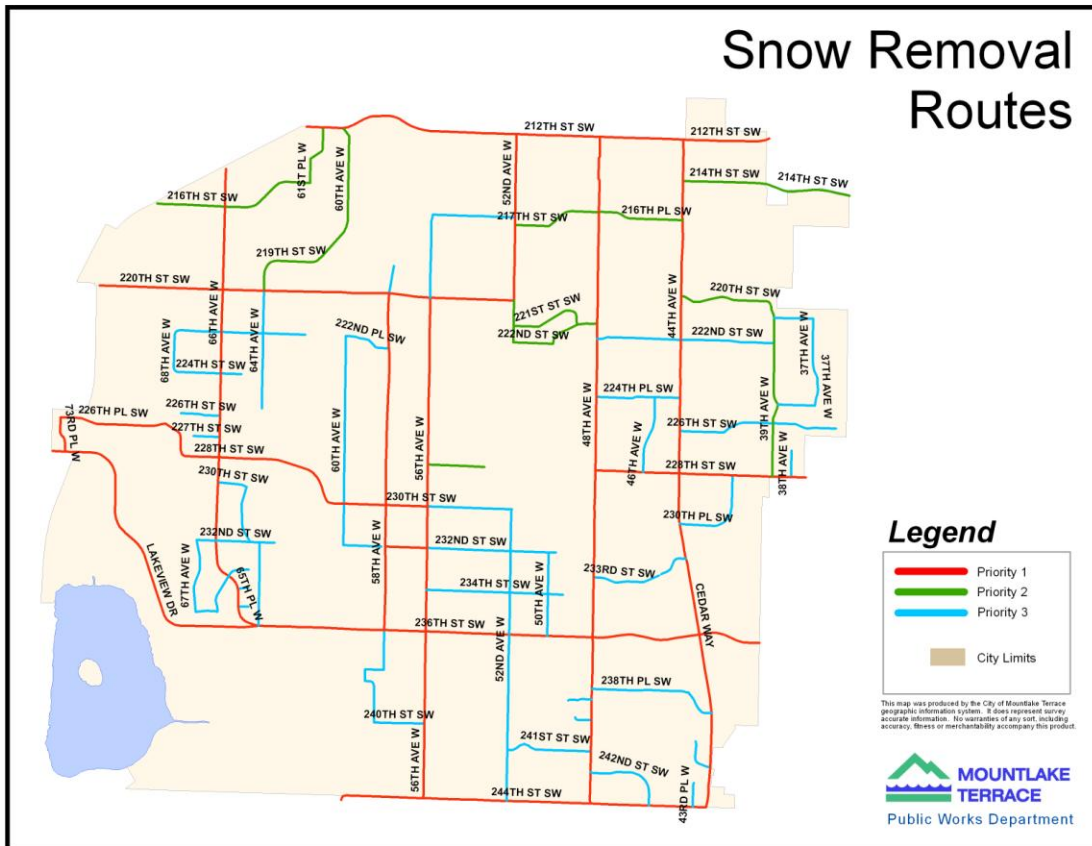
During a snow or ice event residents can help by moving vehicles from city streets until snow removal is complete, locating alternate parking if they live on a steep hill, staying off roads until conditions improve, allowing plenty of time to get to their destination, and leaving plenty of room between vehicles.

When you encounter trucks engaged in snow or ice removal, yield the right of way if you can do so safely, keep back at least 50 feet, and do not attempt to pass.

In response to heavy rains, residents can do their part now by keeping storm drains clear of leaves and debris to prevent local flooding. City crews are currently operating the Street Sweeper 12 hours a day during this time of year where there is heavy leaf drop, wind and rain.

Residents can sign up for MyStateUSA alerts by clicking on the logo on the city’s website to be notified of upcoming weather conditions and other emergencies. The city also posts information to its Facebook and Twitter accounts and sends news releases to local media to notify the public of situations that have occurred in the area. Residents can stay informed through local TV and radio stations. The city also posts information on its website, [www.cityofmlt.com](http://www.cityofmlt.com).

For more emergency information, please go to [www.cityofmlt.com](http://www.cityofmlt.com) and click on For Residents/Emergency Preparedness.



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