

# Winter

Due to the unique and varied geography, Arapahoe County can receive from 20 to more than 100 inches of snow during the snow season, between September and April. Amounts of snowfall can vary from a light dusting to several feet, depending on the severity of the storm. Cold temperatures after a storm may impede melting, while warm weather may prove to be a real asset.

Snow conditions within the County vary widely depending upon location. With more than 500 miles of roads in the unincorporated area of the county, the responsibility for keeping the transportation network open requires large expenditures for manpower, equipment and supplies.

The County may use extra manpower and equipment of private, local contractors to plow streets and move snow. By doing this, the County doesn't have to commit taxpayer funds to acquire and maintain limited-use equipment.



# Common Questions

## Q. Why are residential streets not plowed?

A. Plowing is done on a priority basis as defined in this brochure. Clearing of priority roadways opens routes into all residential areas, usually within a few blocks of each residence. The clearing of routes to each and every residence is limited by the amount of equipment and personnel available.

## Q. What happens to stalled and abandoned vehicles?

A. Vehicles blocking traffic or interfering with snow removal equipment are towed at the direction of the Arapahoe County Sheriff. Should your vehicle be towed, contact the Sheriff's Office Dispatcher, 303-795-4711, to determine the whereabouts of your vehicle.

## Q. What about emergency situations?

A. Should an emergency arise, contact the 911 operator. Equipment will be diverted for emergencies ONLY WHEN AUTHORIZED by the 911 Center or the Sheriff's Office. (It is illegal to make a false emergency request.)

## Q. Who clears the sidewalks and pedestrian walkways?

A. The County does not remove snow from sidewalks or pedestrian walkways. Citizens are encouraged to shovel walks adjacent to their homes as a courtesy to their neighbors and for the safety of pedestrians.

## Q. How can I help?

A. Drive with caution and anticipate delays. Don't drive unless you must. Be patient, it is impossible to clear all roads immediately.

Do not attempt to stop a snow plow or obstruct its path. Plows must maintain speed for maximum efficiency.

Equipment operators often work long hours under trying conditions. They appreciate courteous and friendly drivers. Please help them to help you.

Don't push or shovel snow into the street. It is illegal to place snow from private drives or parking lots onto public rights-of-way.

Be understanding. The County is doing its best to provide you the service you need.



# Snow & ICE CONTROL



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To provide the best snow removal service to the citizens of unincorporated Arapahoe County, the County has been divided into two areas, western and eastern portions. The boundary between the two portions is approximately Gun Club Road.

## Priority System

County roads are plowed on a priority basis as listed below:

**Priority One:** Major arterials (generally the one-mile grid streets) and access to emergency services (fire stations, medical facilities, etc.) are included in this category.

**Priority Two:** Minor arterials, major collector streets and access to schools, business areas, grocery stores and service stations are included in this category. Gravel roads make-up the Priority Two System in the eastern portion of the County.

**Non-priority roadways** include local, residential and other streets not specifically identified in the priority system. Additional priorities are established for the sand/salt needs at hazardous locations, i.e., hills, intersections, etc.

## Normal Snow Conditions

County snow removal equipment includes: trucks, plows, sanders, graders and loaders. This equipment is continually maintained for efficient and effective service to County residents. During the snow season, weather forecasts are monitored for impending storms.

During normal operations liquid and /or granular ice melting agents are spread on paved roads to assist with ice melting. Plowing operations are implemented when conditions warrant.

State environmental guidelines now restrict the amount of sand/salt that can be applied per

lane mile by approximately 20 percent of the application rate used in 1989.

Graders usually plow rural roads and, since most rural roads are not paved, sand/salt is not applied to these roads. When high winds or deep snow accumulations create drifting conditions in rural areas, plowing may be delayed until the storm passes. Snow removal operations are scheduled round-the-clock for urban and rural areas.

## Emergency Snow Conditions

Under unusually severe storm conditions, it may be necessary to temporarily postpone Priority Two operations in order to clear Priority One streets. Should this happen, snow removal will continue round-the-clock until ALL Priority streets are again open to the traffic.

The Board of County Commissioners can restrict the type of vehicles that may be operated on County roads during severe weather conditions. Additionally, they may order that certain roads be closed. Every effort will be made to alert the public of any restrictions/closures through the news media. PLEASE OBSERVE ANY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS OR ROAD CLOSURES. This action will not be taken unless the roads are considered unsafe for travel.

## Arapahoe County Road Maintenance

720-874-ROAD (7623)

Arapahoe County is responsible for maintaining roads within unincorporated areas of the county only. Roads plowed or maintained within other jurisdictions are done so under agreements with individual jurisdictions and are subject to change at any time. For information regarding roads plowed within incorporated jurisdictions in the county, please contact your municipal jurisdiction for information.

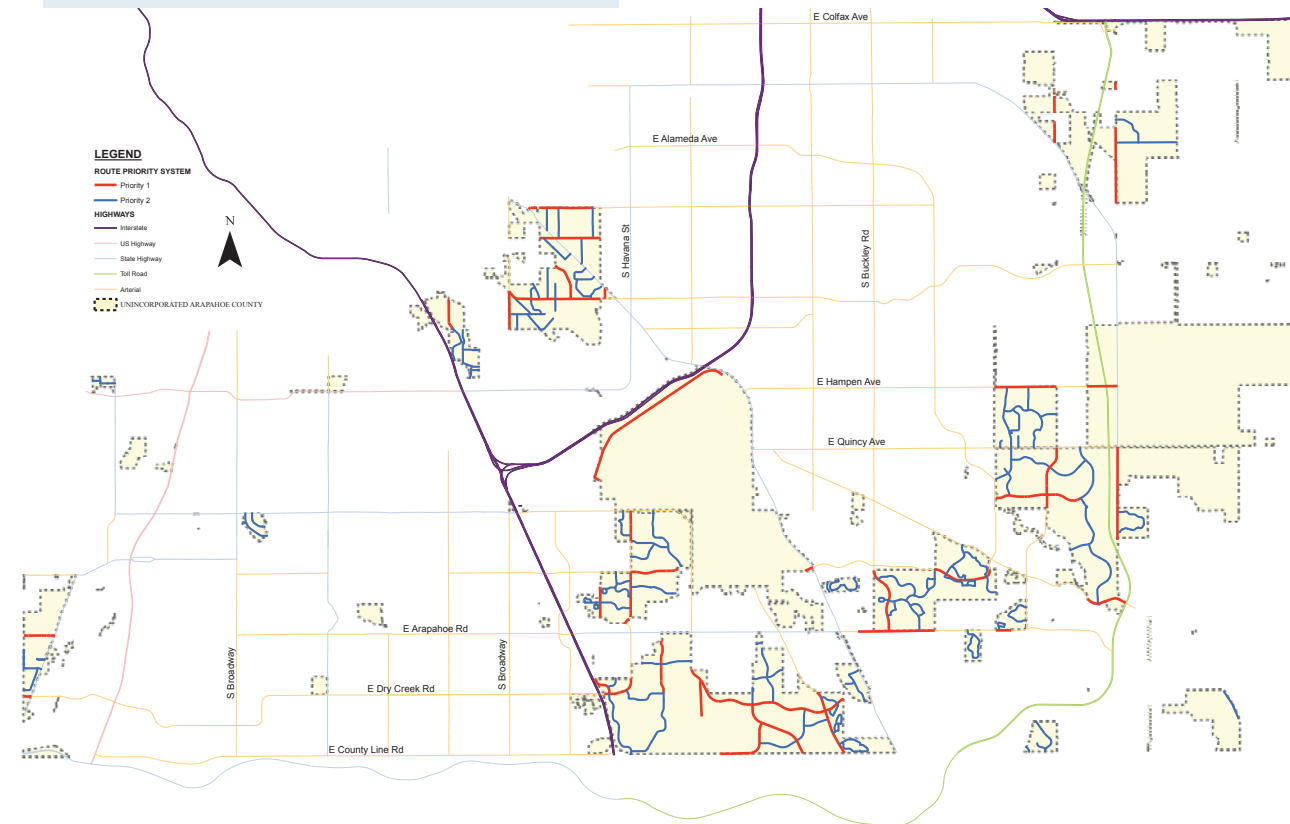
## State Roads: 303-757-9514

The following roads are the maintenance responsibility of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT): I-25, Parker Road, University Blvd., Santa Fe Drive, Platte Canyon, Arapahoe Road (between I-25 and Parker Road), County Line Road (between Santa Fe Drive and I-25) and Belleview (West of I-25). This list is not all-inclusive.

You can find the Snow Plan on the County's Web Page: [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) (Snow Removal)

## Arapahoe County Western Snow Routes Map

Map Revision Date: 9/29/2008



## Incorporated Jurisdiction Snow Maintenance Information Phone Numbers:

Aurora:	303-326-8200
Bennett:	1-303-644-4009
Bow Mar:	303-794-6065
Centennial:	303-325-8000
Cherry Hills Village:	303-783-2731
Deer Trail:	1-303-769-4464
Englewood:	303-762-2520
Foxfield:	303-680-1544
Glendale:	303-639-4500
Greenwood Village:	303-708-6118
Littleton:	303-795-3969
Sheridan:	303-738-1098