

Hood River County Public Works Winter Maintenance Map

This map is provided in an effort to inform county residents of the level of winter road maintenance they may expect during winter storm events. It is derived from the guidelines established in the Hood River County Public Works Snow Removal Policy and best characterizes how road maintenance operations will be performed in order to achieve an acceptable level of service while managing resources to the best extent possible.

Depending on the intensity and duration of an expected storm event and the resources available, this map may be used to evaluate the level of service that can be sustained throughout the storm and provide information to first responders, emergency managers, county administration and the public in an easily accessible manner. For this purpose, winter response service levels are categorized as Level A, B and C and represent what response is expected to be sustainable with current resource levels during an 8-hour work shift. (12-hour max.)

Service Level A: All priority 1, 2, 3 and 4 roads expected to be plowed and critical areas sanded at least once per day. Depending on conditions and allowable time, some priority 1 roads may be plowed a second time if needed. At current resource levels, Service Level A is likely obtainable only during extremely light storms or when storms occur overnight and do not continue into the next day.






Service Level B: All priority 1 and 2 roads expected to be plowed and critical areas sanded at least once per day. Priority 3 and 4 roads are not expected to be plowed or sanded during the initial storm and may require up to two days before being maintained. Service Level B is the most probable level that can be sustained consistently.

Service Level C: All efforts will be diverted to maintaining priority 1 roads, including plowing and sanding. Priority 2 roads are not expected to be plowed or sanded during the initial storm and may require up to two days before being maintained. Priority 3 and 4 roads will not be plowed or sanded until all Priority 1 and 2 roads can be sustainably maintained. Service Level C is characteristic of severe storm events or during unexpected equipment failures.

Road Priority:

The following characterizes the priority designation for county roads. Road designations are not meant to reflect the level of importance of the road but rather takes into account the need to ensure continuity of transportation, typical traffic volumes and the availability of alternative routes. While most roads are maintained in order of their priority, on occasion a lower priority road may be done sooner while equipment travels from one location to another. Otherwise, lower priority roads are not expected to be maintained sooner unless emergency services are required.

Legend

-  P1: Principal arterial and collector roads with high traffic volumes
-  P2: Secondary collector roads and roads with speeds 35 MPH or higher
-  P3: Low volume collector and rural residential roads
-  P4: Subdivision, cul-de-sac and outlying gravel roads
-  No Winter Maintenance

For more information on snow removal and policies regarding plow berms and mailboxes, please review the [Hood River County Public Works Snow Removal Policy](#). The Public Works Department encourages all drivers to be patient while roads are being plowed and carry emergency supplies and traction devices in their vehicles.