

Facilities & Services

SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES

Facilities & Services (F&S) is responsible for providing snow removal from 23 miles of roadway, 130 parking lots with 16,000 spaces, 80 miles of sidewalk, 6 miles of bike lane, and over 250 buildings on 1400 acres. Snow removal after a major storm event, especially when high winds are involved, can be daunting and time consuming with final completion of efforts sometimes taking several days. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we make every effort to keep our streets, sidewalks, building entrances, and key parking lots clear during and after winter storms.

Snow removal is considered *priority work*; pavements, sidewalks, bike lanes, ADA accessibility ramps, building entrances, ADA building entrances and routes of access to these entrances, and lugger platforms must be cleared any time of the day or night regardless of accumulated amounts. Careful planning and preparation is necessary to maintain a safe environment because of the potential hazard a winter storm event can pose to the students, faculty, staff, and general public who access our campus daily. Efforts can be made considerably more difficult by the *variable conditions* encountered during each unique occurrence, such as the rate and accumulation of snowfall, moisture content, temperature, time of day or night, wind direction and velocity, and duration. All of these factors can interact to create a unique aspect for each winter storm event.

Parking accommodations following a major storm:

In a major snow event, three university parking lots are cleared first:

- Shuttle Lot E14 (south campus) – corner of First Street and Kirby Avenue, ***south end*** only. The shuttle end of the lot will be cleared first. The north entrances, both east and west will be barricaded and signs will be posted to direct people where to park.
- Lot B1 (north campus) – corner of Springfield Avenue and Goodwin Avenue. Signs will be posted to direct people where to enter and park.
- Lot F27 – Adjacent to Vet Med Basic Sciences Building.

Parking structure ramps will be sanded but the top levels will be barricaded until plows are available to clear them.

If your lot has not been plowed when you report to work and it is inaccessible, please proceed to lot E14, B1, or F27. Facilities & Services will do its best to maintain these lots for University faculty, staff and students, and the MTD will provide shuttle service from E14 to the central campus. Concentrating vehicle parking in larger facilities will expedite snow removal efforts on streets and in the remaining parking facilities. Vehicles parking in the large lots (E14, B1 and F27) displaying permits for other rental facilities will not be cited for violations during a major snow event; however, enforcement will continue for violations such as parking in disabled spaces, yellow zones, or blocking driveways.

Primary campus streets and drives are the number one priority for our large snow plows and sidewalks and building entrances are first priorities for our grounds and building services departments.