

THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL PROGRAM Grounds Maintenance Services

To maintain campus motorist and pedestrian safety during snow and icy weather conditions, removal of snow and ice from campus roads, parking lots, walkways and steps takes precedence over all non-emergency work for the Grounds Maintenance Services staff.

The Grounds Maintenance unit removes snow as it falls and de-ices the roadways when the weather conditions require this to be done. If snow and ice weather conditions exist, the roadways, walks, steps and parking lots will be cleared and sanded or de-iced. This may require the Grounds Maintenance staff to work extra hours, at night, or on weekends. The staff follows the unit's snow and ice control program to ensure that all roads, parking lots, walkways and steps are maintained in as safe a condition as possible.

The snow and ice control program involves the advance preparation of snow and ice removal equipment and application materials by the Grounds Maintenance unit. In addition, the Grounds Maintenance staff is trained in the proper use, application and handling of the snow removal and de-icing equipment and materials. They are apprised of the areas to be cleared and materials to use for the conditions. Priority of clearing is given to frequently used areas (i.e., entrance to campus, main parking lots, major walk ways, etc.). Staff assignment of duties for the snow and ice control program is predetermined by the Grounds Maintenance unit.

If two inches or more of snow accumulates after working hours the Director of Facilities Services and the Maintenance Services Manager are notified by Police Services. Since Police Services has staff on campus twenty four hours a day, snow accumulation after hours is monitored by them. The Director of Facilities or Grounds Maintenance Manager then contacts the required Grounds Maintenance staff to report to work and begin snow and ice control operations.

The snow and ice control operation is conducted to provide motorists and pedestrians on College property with a reasonably safe traveling surface. Although snow removal starts soon after a storm begins, it takes time to complete the operation. Motorists and pedestrians should be aware that while all efforts are made to ensure that all surfaces on campus property are cleared, during periods of heavy snowfall there may be periods of time when the roads, parking lots, walkways or steps can not be cleared of snow or sanded/de-iced fast enough to keep up with the accumulation of snow. In addition, maximum effort is made to maximize clearing coverage on road and walking surfaces, but because of obstructions or other conditions, clearance may not be available on the entire surface of all areas (i.e., parked cars or other objects obstruct equipment or material from covering entire surface in an area). Motorists and pedestrians should be especially cautious when these conditions exist.

The safety of students, staff, faculty, and traveling public is of primary importance to the College and Grounds Maintenance staff. However, it is the responsibility of motorists and pedestrians to exercise reasonable precautions in adverse snow and ice weather conditions. When snow and ice exists on the road and walk ways, pedestrians should wear the appropriate footwear to prevent from falling or slipping. Motorists should also consider slippery road conditions and operate their vehicles accordingly.

To obtain procedural details of the Grounds Maintenance unit's snow and ice removal program, contact the Grounds Maintenance unit Manager, Mark Kormondy @ 867-6349 or kormondm@evergreen.edu.