

Hello Everyone,

As the Snow Season fast approaches, I would like to take this time to introduce any new staff to our Snow Protocol.

Landscaping & Grounds normally reports for snow duty at 3am (*depending on snow storm arrival*). The UNC Police will also notify me when snow is covering streets and walks.

I consult with my Assist VP no later than 5:15am to provide storm status information for decision-makers to determine any delayed opening or possible closure of the university.

In the event of my absence, Steve Abbath, Manager of Custodial Services will supervise Snow Removal efforts in my place.

I have a staff of 13 who operate various tractor-mounted brooms and blades and 2ea plow-mounted 1 ton pick-up trucks with spreaders. We also have plow-mounted utility vehicles with spreaders as well. I have 1ea mechanic who repairs and services all our snow removal equipment. We also have 4ea handshovelers to clear steps and building entrances as well as assistance from Custodial Services and Housing & Dining. We contract Fleetwash Corp. to remove snow from our Parking lots when snow accumulation exceeds 4-inches.

We are currently still performing mowing, fertilizing and excavation tasks with our equipment, but we will soon be transitioning to Snow Removal capacity in the next few weeks. We have 75,000lbs of "Ice Slicer" product on hand, so we will be ready to go when we hear that the white stuff is on its way.

I have included a description of our priorities and attached respective maps which are also available on line.

<https://www.unco.edu/facilities/services/landscaping-grounds/snow-removal.aspx>

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PRORITIES FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL OPERATIONS

Orange

This is Priority One. (Critical) These indicate service drives, parking lots/lanes, sidewalks, and loading or service docks that absolutely need to be open for the university to carry out its mission and for students staff, and faculty to have minimal access to university facilities. Orange designated areas are very specific and do not include all sidewalks and drives that are used by the university community. We strongly recommend and encourage the community that during the storm that all users utilize the cleared Orange priority designated walks, drives and parking areas first.

Green

This is Priority Two. (Necessary) As storm intensity and accumulation rates diminish, Snow removal operators will proceed to the Level Green walks, drives, and parking lots. Green designated areas indicate the next level of service and accessibility to university facilities that are necessary to provide safer access and increased mobility for the university community.

Blue

This is Priority Three (Beneficial). Once Green level areas are cleared of snow and ice, then Level Three blue designated areas will be cleared. These areas provide increased accessibility to facilities and mobility to the community. Once these areas are cleared the university has completed its snow removal mission.