

Snow stakes for senior and disabled residents are available at Ontario City Hall, 444 SW 4th Street. Place stakes at each side of driveway and City crews will dig the snow berm out of your driveway as a courtesy.

Ontario City Code prohibits property owners from pushing snow from their property onto City streets. This can cause traffic safety problems and could create a liability exposure for the property owner.

City staff and the Oregon Highway Department cooperates with the plowing and sanding. Snow conditions on State Highways located within the City limits remain the responsibility of the State.

The snowplow and sanding trucks can throw sand for long distances. Please travel at a safe distance from sanding and plowing trucks at all times to avoid damage to your vehicle.

Use extreme care when driving in inclement weather. Driving on snow packed and icy roads requires concentration and demands the most of your driving skills.

A few basic rules to remember when driving this winter are:

- When possible, avoid driving on snow and ice.

- During snowstorm, remove parked vehicles from streets subject to plowing to prevent them from being immobilized by plowed snow.

- Equip your vehicles with snow tires or chains to improve traction as required.

- Accelerate and brake slowly to avoid traction loss, which can lead to loss of control.

- Use extreme caution when approaching hills and bridges; They are subject to icing conditions more often than other road surfaces.

Our primary goal during any snowstorm is to preserve and protect the community's emergency response capabilities and minimize the impact to vehicular travel.

The primary and secondary routes are shown on the map on the next page. These routes provide the major East-West and North-South access to the community's principle emergency facilities and other key buildings.

First Response Routes will be cleared, salted or sanded, and crews will continue to work until wet pavement remains. Then City staff will begin removal of snow from the downtown core area, clearing public parking lots next, and sanding intersections of residential areas last.

Residential areas will be cleared of snow when accumulation is more than 6 inches. Icy intersections will be sanded as time allows and as crews are available. Salt will not be used in any residential area.

Throughout the months of November through March, midnight to 7 a.m., the City restricts parking on West Idaho Avenue from 2nd Street to Verde Drive in an effort to improve traffic and enhance safety when plowing.

There are a number of factors that affect the Snow Response Plan:

- Snowstorm Intensity and Duration
- Time of Day and Temperature
- Traffic Condition

CH2M/City of Ontario SNOW RESPONSE PLAN



Oregon Road Conditions:
Dial 511 or (800) 977-6368

Trip Check at www.odot.state.or.us

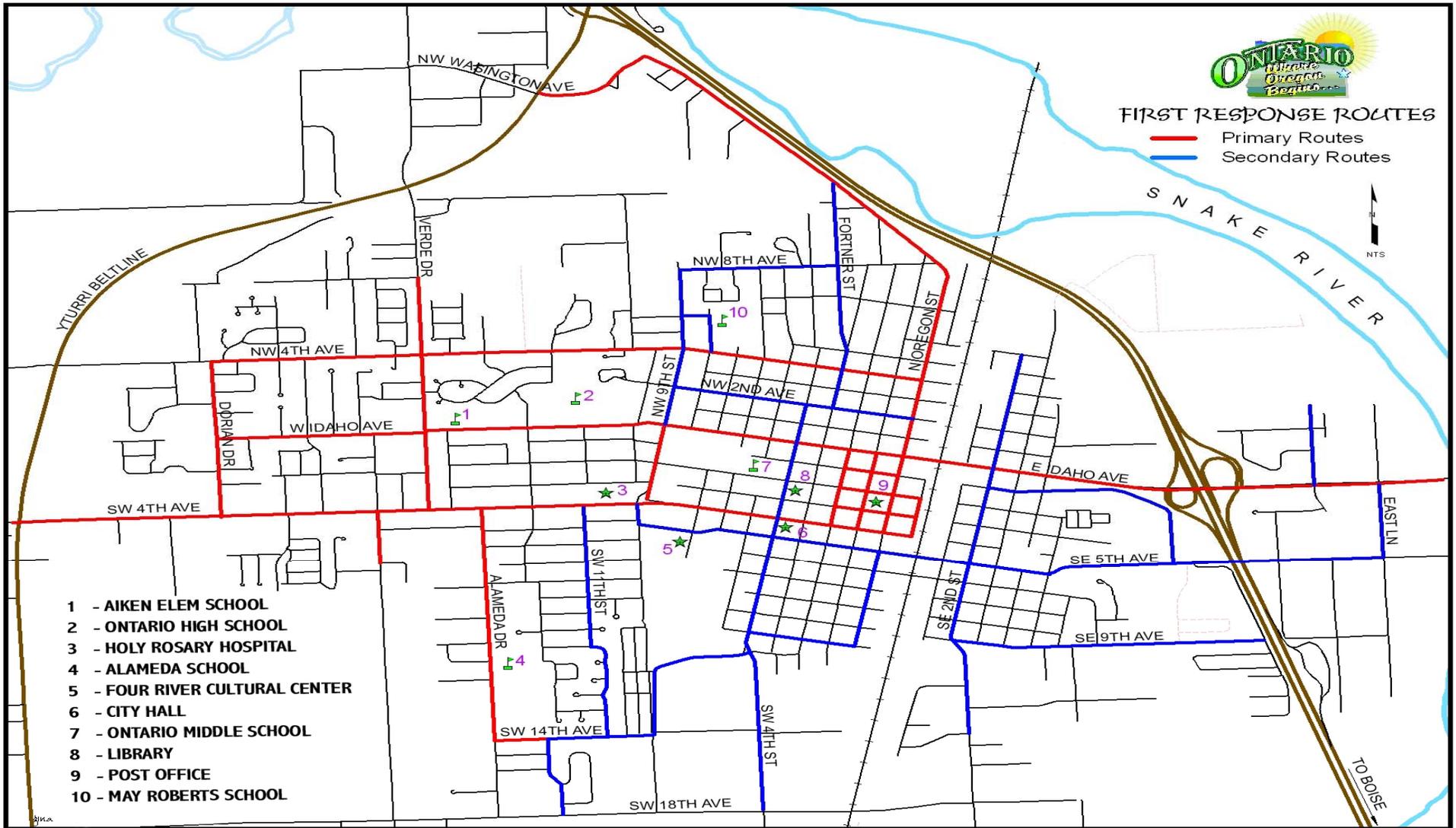
City of Ontario Public Works
(541) 889-8572

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Emergencies Only:
Dial 911

Snow stakes available at:
Ontario City Hall
444 SW 4th St.
Ontario, OR 97914

**This brochure has been prepared
to help explain Public Work's
Snow Response Policies & Practices**



Prior to snowfall, the City will dispatch staff to apply a de-icing chemical. This causes snow to melt at a lower temperature.

During a light snowfall, equipment will be sent out to spot sand intersections and other icy areas along First Response Routes. City staff will plow and sand **Primary Routes** and **Secondary Routes** as time and crews are available during snowfall. Snow will be plowed to the curb on most routes, causing a snow berm to be left across driveways.

The City limits the plowing of residential streets unless there is an accumulation of 6 inches or snow or more.

If you are disabled or elderly and are unable to clear the berm by yourself or with the help of family or friends, you may acquire colored snow stakes from the City at no charge, and the City will open the driveway at the curb line.

Stakes are available at Ontario City Hall Front Desk, 444 SW 4th St., Ontario, OR 97914. When you pick

up your stakes, your name, address and phone number will be put on a list for one snow season. You must request your name to be put on a new list each year.

Place stakes on each side of your driveway prior to snow storms. Before the first snowfall, stakes can be delivered by Public Works staff for anyone physically unable to pick them up.

For stake delivery, or questions regarding the Snow Response Plan Program, call the City Shop at (541) 889-8572.