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After the first snow fall, the City of Newton Streets Division begins its ice and snow removal procedures.

Newton has an established snow route comprised of streets in the central business district, principle arterials and most collector streets throughout the city. The snow route includes about 80 lane miles of streets as well as several isolated bridges and particularly hazardous intersections. Street Division snow fighters concentrate their efforts on the snow route to facilitate emergency vehicle and law enforcement movement and to afford the greatest benefit to the maximum number of motorists.

Relatively light winter storms are combated with a deicing treatment of a salt/haydite mixture. Last winter the department spread about 586 tons of salt on city streets. Generally, this technique is effective for ice storms and snow accumulations of less than 4 inches. When more severe conditions exist with higher snow accumulation, plowing becomes the only effective method to restore safe driving conditions. The central business district is plowed into windrows to the center of the street and intersections are cleared using a wheel loader. Snow is later loaded onto dump trucks and hauled away.

Municipal parking lots are also cleared of accumulated snow. All other streets on the snow route are plowed to the curb. **Residents and businesses along the snow route must be aware that driveway entrances can become difficult or impossible to negotiate after plowing and pre-plan for snow removal.**

The allocation of equipment and manpower with which to combat winter storms is limited. It is vital to the success of the plan that snow and ice control resources be dedicated to returning safe driving conditions on the snow route where the maximum impact can be achieved. Citizen requests for snow and ice control at other locations will be evaluated and prioritized with this in mind.

To view a copy of the city's snow route map, go to www.newtonkansas.com/pubs/snow.pdf.

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