



MEDIA ADVISORY

Department of Public Works

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City's Public Works Says Snow Removal Process is Progressing

~Majority of City's streets addressed~

Richmond, Va. – Public Works is continuing to make progress with the removal of snow and ice from the 11th biggest snowfall on record. As of today, crews have either plowed or chemically treated most of the City's streets; however, there are still several areas that have not been addressed. Crews are working 24 hours a day and the City is deploying all available resources to make sure every neighborhood is free of snow and ice. The patience of City residents is greatly appreciated as crews continue work to clear the roads.

Mayor Dwight C. Jones has indicated it is imperative every City street be made passable as soon as possible. Public Works crews, working 24 hours a day on rotating shifts since Thursday, will be on their routes as long as it takes to clear the roads.

Winter Storm Jonas was actually three events in Central Virginia: a snowstorm on Friday, near blizzard conditions on Saturday, followed by a hard freeze. Public Works crews began pre-treating hills and bridges on Thursday, the day before the storm began. Once snowfall began, crews were dedicated to Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes, which include main thoroughfares and snow emergency routes. Despite an accumulation in excess of 10 inches, City snow plow crews were able to move into residential areas by Sunday afternoon, ahead of the City's 48 hour protocol for treating neighborhoods.

In some areas still needing attention, on-street parking is slowing and in some instances prohibiting snow plows from coming through. As crews work to address neighborhoods, when possible, residents should park off the streets to provide snow plows more room to operate.

Public Works is asking any resident whose street has not been plowed or treated to call Customer Care at 3-1-1 and provide the location so a crew can be dispatched.

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