



City Crew Prepare for Possible Winter Weather Event

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Weather forecasters advise of the possibility of a winter weather event during the next few days. In preparation, city street crews have spent the past 24 hours gathering and mixing small crushed rock with salt; servicing and fueling vehicles. City employees have been placed on standby for weekend work combating the winter weather if needed.

Crews will begin pre-treating key intersections this afternoon as sleet and freezing rain continue.

Crews treat roadways and intersections in a priority order starting with those providing access to the hospital and ambulance and fire departments. After these top priority areas, streets with steep grades such as Fawn Trail going up Spivey Hill are next, followed by major thoroughfares such as Indiana, 4<sup>th</sup>, Pine Tree and Cliff.

City Street Superintendent Frank Herpeche said he, the police and others will be driving streets, monitoring conditions and dispatching crews as needed, throughout the event. Herpeche urges drivers to slow down and give his crews and equipment plenty of room while they are treating roads for the workers' and the drivers' safety.

Drivers are urged to use caution as driving in winter conditions can be difficult. The TxDOT Website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) shows highway conditions statewide and includes winter driving tips such as :

- Remove snow and ice from your vehicle before you drive
- Maintain your vehicle in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations
- Ensure headlights and tail lights are functioning properly
- Accelerate slowly, drive slowly, and observe traffic signs and alerts
- Approach bridges, shaded spots, and turns slowly

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The City of Graham Public Works Department oversees parks, cemeteries, streets, water and wastewater treatment and distribution systems. Public works employees take pride in helping Graham be a great place to live and work. Contact: Larry Fields or David Casteel at 940-549-0188 for questions.