



City of Yakima e-Newsletter

ISSUES BRIEF



At left, a City of Yakima vehicle clears a section of 2nd Street in December 2017. Above, Snow Routes are in effect Downtown when snow accumulation reaches 3 inches.

'Tis the season: Snow removal in the City of Yakima

Winter can be a snowy experience in the City of Yakima. With frosty winter temperatures, snow and ice can be challenging for residents and the City street crews to control.

When snow accumulation reach three inches, the City of Yakima will plow the major arterial streets, and the streets near schools, hospitals, hills and other critical locations. A map showing City snow routes and a plow map are available at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/apps/snow-routes/>

If you have concerns with the plowing of your street, please call 576-6713.

It is the responsibility of City of Yakima property owners to remove snow from sidewalks in front of their homes or businesses. The best time to shovel snow is immediately after it falls and before ice can begin to form.

After clearing the sidewalk of snow, you may choose to apply an ice-melting substance. The City of Yakima recommends use of Calcium Chloride, (sometimes called "hot melt") rather than Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt) because it is less damaging to sidewalks and plants.

Also, it works at a much lower temperature, so it is more effective in freezing conditions.

Residents with a home or business on a street corner are also advised to remove snow from sidewalk ramps and to dig out fire hydrants as a safety precaution.

Other snow-related tips for residents:

- Don't throw snow from your sidewalk or driveway into the street – it's against the law.
- To avoid having snow covering your driveway from the city plows, shovel your snow to the left of your driveway into your yard and not into the street.
- If you are elderly, disabled or have other special conditions that makes snow removal hazardous, please contact the Office of Neighborhood Development Services (ONDS) at 575-6101.
- Put safety first and drive only if necessary. Dress warmly and be prepared for travel delays. Make sure you carry blankets, flashlights, water and other emergency provisions.
- Try to keep your vehicle off the street. If you must park on the street, park as close to the curb as possible.
- Don't follow a de-icing spray truck, snowplow or sanding truck too closely. They may stop suddenly or spray sand, rocks or other material.
- Do not sled on streets or sidewalks.

Briefly...

Holiday closures planned in Yakima

City of Yakima offices will be closed December 25 and January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Business offices for the Police and Fire Departments will be closed. Emergency services will remain available.

Yakima Transit will not provide bus service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

There will be no City of Yakima garbage pick-up service on either holiday,

Garbage scheduled for pick-up on the two holidays by the City's Refuse Division will instead be postponed by one day all week.

Lions Pool will close at 1:00 pm on Monday, December 24, and all of Tuesday, December 25. The pool will also close at 1:00 pm on Monday, December 31, and all of Tuesday, January 1.

In addition, the City of Yakima Municipal Court and the Yakima Police Department's Services Division will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on December 24th and be closed on December 25th.

City of Yakima seeks scholarship applications

Students can apply until February 15th, 2019

The City of Yakima is encouraging area high school seniors to apply for a \$1,200 scholarship being offered by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

The AWC 2019 Center for Quality Communities Scholarship will be awarded to six high school seniors this spring.

Yakima's 2018 nominee, Savannah Kimzey, was one of the six recipients of an AWC scholarship this year.



Yakima Assistant Mayor Dulce Gutierrez is pictured with 2018 West Valley High School graduate Savannah Kimzey, who received a \$1,200 scholarship earlier this year from the Association of Washington Cities.

In our area, the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship is open to students from the Yakima and West Valley School Districts who will graduate from high school, complete home school, or receive a GED in the spring/summer of 2019.

Scholarship applicants must also be currently or have been involved in significant school/community leadership activities and/or city government.

Applicants must also plan to continue their education in the 2019-20 academic year at an accredited college, community college, or trade school on a half-time or more basis, and Washington state residents.

A committee will select one local applicant whose application will be forwarded to the AWC in Olympia. An AWC committee will select the six scholarship recipients.

The scholarship application deadline is February 15th, 2019.

More information about the AWC 2019 Center for Quality Communities Scholarship, including an application form, can be found at <http://cfqc.org/scholarships/>.



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Questions? Suggestions?

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2018 *at a glance*





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City of Yakima Contacts

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| Airport: | 575-6149 | Planning: | 575-6183 |
| Animal Control: | 575-6038 | * Police: | 575-6200 |
| City Clerk: | 575-6000 | Refuse: | 575-6005 |
| City Manager: | 575-6000 | Streets: | 575-6005 |
| Codes/Licenses: | 575-6126 | Transit: | 575-6175 |
| * Fire: | 575-6060 | Utilities: | 575-6080 |
| Human Resources: | 575-6090 | Wastewater: | 575-6077 |
| Municipal Court: | 575-3050 | Water/Irrig: | 575-6154 |
| Parks: | 575-6020 | YCTV/YPAC: | 575-6092 |

*** NON-EMERGENCY only. Call 911 in an emergency.**