

## Snow Removal Guidelines

It's time once again for our annual reminder of the City of Gering's snow removal policy and guidelines.

Snow is removed along the following routes with the primary routes being completed first.

The **Primary Snow Routes** are: 10th street; "U" Street; and "M" Street (Highway 92). The **Secondary Street Routes** are: the Business District—11th Street "N" to "S" and side streets between 9th and 11th Streets; 7th Street; Country Club Road; and Schools.

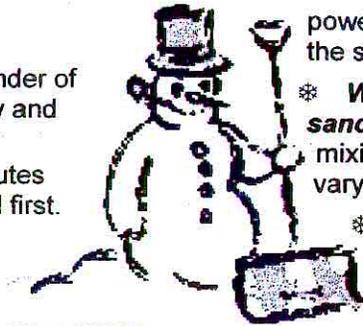
Wind-blown snow (drifting) occurs on the western edge of the City and is plowed and/or removed as time permits. The City has 2 crews of 3 men each. In an emergency, outside contractors may be used for snow removal.

### **New Liquid De-Ice Application:**

The City will be using liquid de-ice chemicals during light snow falls. A City pickup will spray primary routes during and after the storm.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

- \* **When do we plow?** When there are two or more inches of snow. Total effort, with all available resources, will be directed to the main arterials and the downtown business area.
- \* **Why don't we plow the residential streets?** During a snowstorm, Street Department personnel will be clearing arterials and the downtown area. Man-



power and equipment limits our ability to plow all the streets within the City.

- \* **What percentage of salt do we mix with the sand?** The City prefers to mix a 15% mix, but when mixing the salt with a loader, the percentage may vary somewhat.

- \* **Why does the snow on the State and County highways seem to melt sooner than the streets in town?** City streets are more shaded by trees, buildings, and fences, so they have less exposure to the sun. Also, vehicles parked along City streets make total snow removal very difficult.

### **What can you do to assist City crews?**

- \* Shovel walks after a snowstorm. Shoveling during a snowstorm may cause undue work as the snow plows may push snow back onto the sidewalk.
- \* Have adequate snow tires on your car.
- \* Refrain from unnecessary driving during a snowstorm. If you must drive, slow down and drive according to conditions and allow plenty of time to drive wherever you may be going.
- \* Shovel snow into the yard rather than in the street when shoveling your walk or driveway. The snow will add extra moisture to lawns and will not block parking areas or gutters.
- \* Stay back at least 100 feet from trucks because flying stone chips may cause damage to your vehicle if you are following too closely.