



City of Minneapolis Storm Preparation

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Storm Preparation

- Streets sprayed
 - Work with street dept to ensure streets are sprayed
 - Sanding trucks prepared with day strip maps
- Alley contractors put on standby
 - Reach out to contractors insuring they are staffed and prepared for snow emergency
 - Alley chasers called of routes
- Crews
 - Have necessary PPE (inc. ice cleats)
 - Foreman trucks equipped with straps and sleds
 - Towing packers identified

Snow emergency declared

- Alleys plowed the night a snow emergency is declared
 - 70% of collections are in alleys

Resident support

- Customer must shovel 36" wide path from carts to alley / curb line after any 2" snowfall regardless if snow emergency declared
 - Changing policy from 48 hours to 24 hours this season







Priority for other disasters

Continuity of service

- Minimize non-essential services
 - Carts
 - Cleanups
 - Graffiti
- Focus on day certain work
 - Garbage, recycling, organics routes
- Extra trucks sent out on MSW, Recycling and Organic routes

Additional disaster scenarios

- Tornado cleanup
 - Opening of North Transfer
 - Closing of South Transfer (if needed)
 - Assist Street Dept and Park Board with debris removal
- Freezing Temps
 - Proper PPE
 - 2 block exchange
- Ice Storms
 - Crews equipped with ice cleats
 - Additional sanding trucks prepared
 - SW&R owns own sander truck

North side tornado – 5/22/25





