

# *Winter Weather Preparation/Response Office of Emergency Management*



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# The Office of Emergency Management's (OEM) Function for Winter Preparedness

- ▶ Training & Exercises with City Department Staff
  - Winter storm scenario
  - Monthly practice of emergency operations center (EOC) staffing
    - Includes regional governments, private sector, and NGO's
- ▶ Public Education & Outreach
  - Presentations on preparedness
  - Coordinate Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) preparedness activities



# OEM's Role for Winter Preparedness

## ▶ Planning

- Incorporate winter preparedness, mitigation, and response activities

## ▶ Response

- Duty Officer monitoring weather & City Department actions 24/7
- Activation of the EOC for winter weather events
  - Coordination of multiple department resources
  - Resource Management
- Situational Awareness

## ▶ Weather Preparedness Tips, Alerts, Warning

- Bellevue website – tips and weather related information & links
- National Weather Service
- Coordinate with City Communications Office



**24/7 Duty Officer 425-457-0138**



# Public Information



[www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov)

- Current emergency info
- Assistance during emergencies
- Social media: Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor
- Preparedness tips and info
- Subscription to Alerts
- Real-time traffic
- Traffic Cameras



## Emergencies and Extreme Weather

When a major emergency happens within city limits, the City of Bellevue will likely open its Emergency Operations Center. The EOC is located in a secure facility where city departments can work closely together to coordinate the emergency response, allocate resources and support management of the incident.

If the EOC is activated, the latest information on the situation will be posted on this page as soon as it is available.

The city will use the media. Alerts notifications, social media (Twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor) and other methods to get information out quickly to the public.

### Bellevue Weather

During significant weather events, here's where you can find information about potential local impacts, the city's response and resources available to you.

#### 2017

- [High Wind Warning](#) (Nov. 13)
- [Excessive Heat Warning](#) (Aug. 8)
- [Updates](#) (July 31 - August 4)
- [Winter Weather Advisory](#) (Feb. 27)
- [Winter Storm](#) (Feb. 6-10)
- [Snow causes power outages, road closures](#) (Feb. 7)
- [All streets are open](#) (Feb. 10)
- [New Year's Day Snow](#) (Jan. 1)

### Assistance during Emergencies

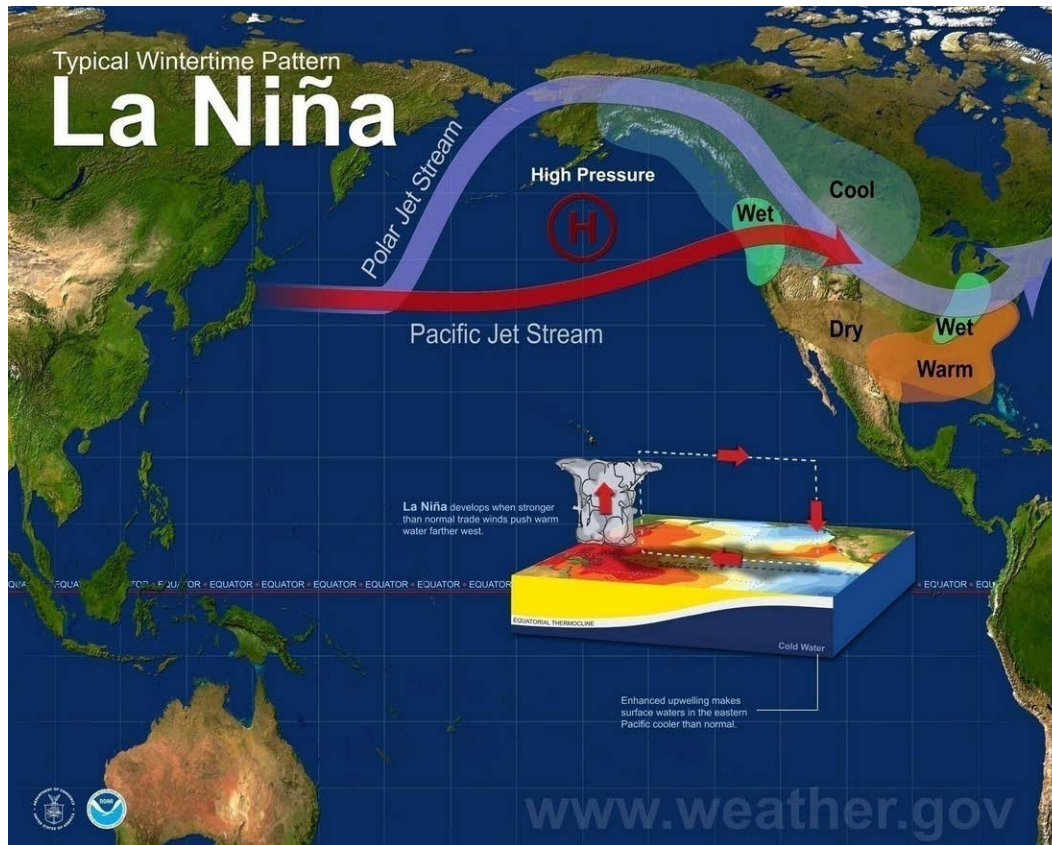
- **City of Bellevue:** Only call 911 for life-threatening emergencies. Call the Operations and Maintenance Support line at 425-452-7840 to report downed trees or other hazards in the roadway.
- **Puget Sound Energy:** Call PSE at 888-225-5773 to report a power outage, you can also go to [PSE](#) to report it online and check PSE's outage map.

# *Winter Events*





# *Weather Forecasts*



**Current to 7 day**

**Seasonal**

# *Winter Preparedness*

- Equipment Preparation

- Service/prepare equipment
- Stock materials

**Winter Event Ready Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**





# *Winter Preparedness*

- Interdepartmental Staffing & Coordination
  - Transportation, Utilities, Civic Services, Parks
  - Annual Interdepartmental training October 25, 2017





# *Snow Response Equipment*

**15 plow & sander vehicles**



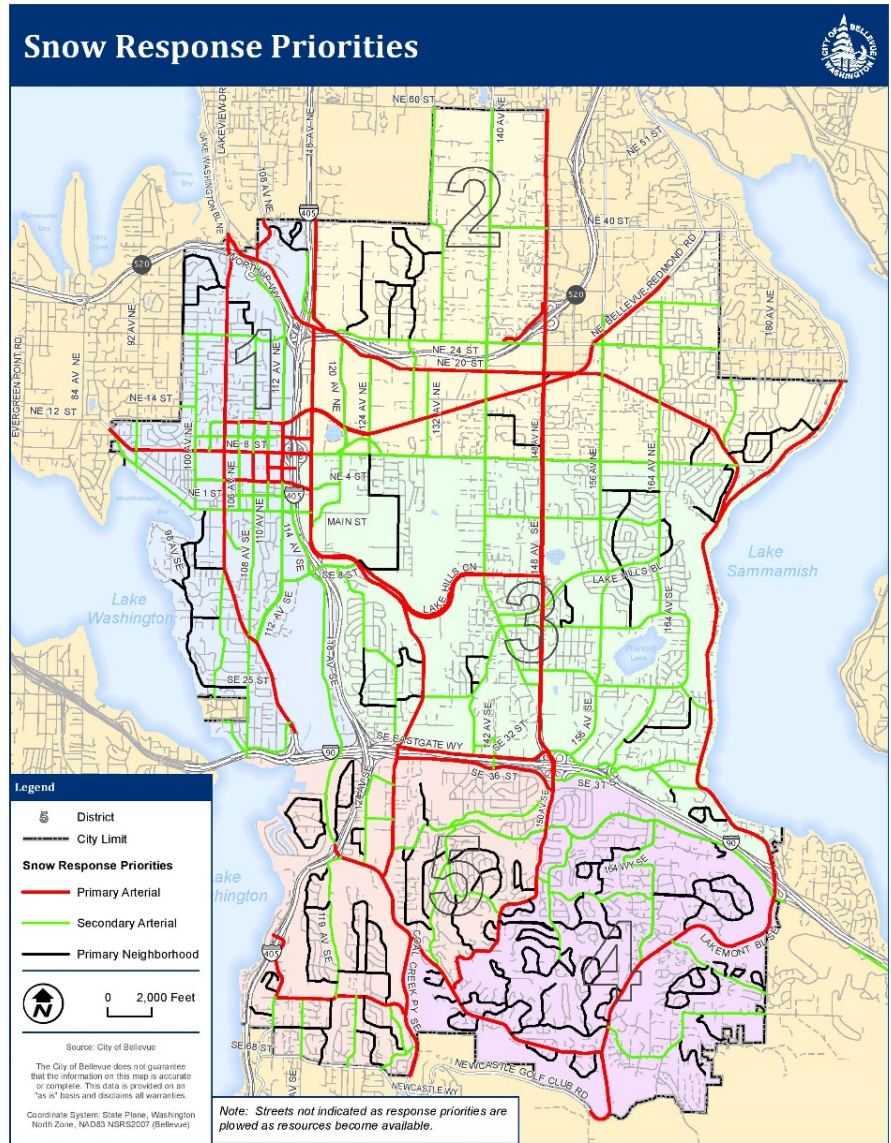
# *Deicer Program*

Major program – many benefits





# Plowing Priority Routes



# *Holiday Traffic*

## *Proactive Management:*

- ▶ Construction activity
- ▶ Traffic sign/control permit
- ▶ Coordination
- ▶ East Link
- ▶ Snowflake Lane
- ▶ Traffic Management Center
- ▶ Traffic Information





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## *Questions?*

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