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streets are cleared.

Time cleared (on average): One to three hours for main roads, industrial roads and school routes with the entire city completed in 6 to 8 hours. The goal is to have clear roads within 24 hours after snowfall has ceased, Richnak said.

In South Oakland County:

Birmingham: Major roads are plowed when they become slick, intersections are salted and residential roads are plowed when there is at least 4 inches of snow, said Bobby West, Birmingham foreman of streets, walks and sewer and water.

Cleared first: Maple, 14 Mile, Adams, Southfield, Lincoln, Woodward and the Ring roads.

Time cleared (on average): Major roads are cleared within 45 minutes of becoming slick.

Farmington Hills: With any accumulation at all, major streets are cleared, said Farmington Hills Director of Public Service Thomas Biasell. In residential areas, when it becomes difficult to enter and exit (usually over four inches) the streets are plowed.

Cleared first: Mile roads between 8 and 14 Mile roads, Haggerty and Inkster.

Time cleared (on average): Two to three hours for major roads. Depending on the time of day snowfall begins, Biasell said, workers are on the streets by 4 a.m. to beat the morning rush hour.

Lathrup Village: Roads are salted as soon as accumulation begins and plows are used on all roadways when there are two inches of accumulation, said Jeff Mouller, Lathrup Village assistant city administrator for public services.

Cleared first: 11 Mile, Bloomfield, Santa Barbara, Lathrup, Lincoln and Sunset. The county is responsible for 12 Mile and Southfield roads, Mouller said.

Time to clear (on average): Three to four hours for all roads.

Southfield: Residential streets are plowed after at least 4 inches of snow has accumulated. The major roads are plowed when there is a light dusting of snow, according to Mike Habowski, Southfield highway department coordinator.

Cleared first: The odd mile roads including 9 Mile, 11 Mile and 13 Mile as well as Inkster, Beech, Evergreen, the service drives for I-696, Northwestern and the Southfield expressway.

Time cleared: With a snowfall of 4 to 6 inches, Habowski said, streets are plowed within 26 hours.

Local decisions

In the following southern Oakland County communities, the local road workers or police officers determine when the main roads are becoming hazardous, and salting and plowing begins.

Beverly Hills: When there is at least four inches of snow, plowing begins on residential roadways, said Renzo Spillasso, Beverly Hills director of public service.

Cleared first: 13 Mile, Evergreen, Beverly and Pierce.

Time cleared (on average): Two to three hours for major roads and within the day for all roads.

Village of Bingham Farms: Residential roads are plowed once an inch and a half of snow has accumulated, said Bingham Farms Clerk Kathy Hagaman. The county is responsible for all major roads.

Cleared first: Bingham Road.

Time cleared (on average): Two to three hours.

Bloomfield Hills: When there is an inch to an inch and a half of snow, residential and main roads are cleared, according to Bloomfield Hills City Manager Charles Harmon.

Cleared first: School bus routes.

Harmon said all other roads are cleared about the same time and the county handles Woodward and Long Lake roads.

Bloomfield Township: Main

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