



CELEBRATING PUBLIC WORKS



Public Works Works for You!

You might ask "What is public works?" Public works is services provided to the public, used by the public, and usually paid for by their tax dollars.



Public works can be found all around you. It is transportation (how people travel), construction (how public facilities are built), water and wastewater (how water is cleaned and goes through pipes), and more. You might have seen or used public works projects without knowing who did the work.



Remember, it's because of public works that your community is a better, safer place to live, work, and play. Look at these pictures—are any of these services familiar to you? 🐾





Let it Snow!

The people in public works not only work hard to keep your roads safe during summer, they really work up a sweat in the cold, cold winter! Depending on where you live, you might get a lot of snow or no snow at all. But if you do see many snowstorms, chances are your local public works has a lot of big equipment to get the job done. Below are some big machines to take care of big snow!



Brine Truck – At the first sign of a winter storm, these trucks hit the streets to “pre-wet” the road surface. This helps keep ice from forming. They can use a salt brine solution, calcium chloride, or even sugar beet juice (or a blend of all three).



Salt Truck – These big dump trucks carry salt and have a special device that spreads the salt behind them as they go. Salt helps melt the ice to make the roads safer.

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Loader – These powerful tractors load salt into the backs of salt trucks.



Snowplow – This vehicle has a large blade that pushes snow off the street and up to the curb. It can be a tractor with a blade, a pickup truck, or even a salt truck with its own blade.



Sidewalk Plow – A smaller-bladed tractor that clears snow from sidewalks around public buildings and public parking lots.



Blower – This machine churns up the snow and then blows it off to the side. To clear a large area, like a public parking lot, these machines can even blow snow into the back of a large truck to be hauled away.

Important Winter Safety Tips:

- Stay clear of public works vehicles as they work
- Even if the snow has been cleared, be careful walking on cement sidewalks and crosswalks
- Be a good neighbor and shovel sidewalks in front of your home
- Don't shovel or blow snow into the street
- Try to clear snow away from fire hydrants near your property
- Don't build a snow fort on or near the packed snow left by a snowplow

