

WHEN DO PLOWS OPERATE?

During a storm and when conditions allow, plows operate from **5 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Routine extended hours winter maintenance is also performed on some of the highly traveled routes around the metropolitan areas of Sioux Falls and Rapid City.

ROUTE CLASSIFICATIONS

Interstates are a category of their own, while all other routes in SDDOT's care are sorted by traffic volumes. High traffic areas are referred to as **Priority Routes**, and lower traffic areas are **Non-Priority Routes**.

For more information on route classifications visit <https://dot.sd.gov/>



WINTER DRIVING IN *South Dakota*

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TYPES OF ROADWAY CLOSURES

The Secretary of DOT and DPS have the authority to restrict the use of any state Highway if they agree the restriction or closing is necessary for the protection and safety of the public due to inclement weather.

These levels of travel advisement are as follows:

- ✓ **NO TRAVEL ADVISED (NTA)**
Road and weather conditions are unavoidably hazardous and/or impassable.
- ✓ **MAINTENANCE SUSPENDED**
Plows have temporarily halted operations for the route.

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- ✓ **ROAD IMPASSABLE**
Travel on the road segment is physically impossible, typically due to widespread deep snow and drifts.
- ✓ **ROAD BLOCKED**
Travel is impossible due to the roadway being physically blocked.
- ✓ **ENFORCED ROAD CLOSURE**
Winter weather events produce imminently hazardous conditions at a faster rate than plow crews can remove. Road and weather conditions are similar to NTA conditions.

WHAT IS SD511?

SDDOT's SD511 Traveler Information System informs travelers, law enforcement, emergency responders, and highway maintenance personnel of conditions that affect travel. Its main purpose is to help the public make well-informed travel decisions.

What's Included?

- Weather Conditions / Forecasts
- Roadway Images
- Construction Zones
- Winter Road Conditions
- National Weather Service Alerts
- Much More!

How to Access SD511

- Dial 511
- SD511 Website
- SD511 Mobile Apps
- My511SD Travel Alerts
- Rest Area and Port of Entry Kiosks

Visit our website to learn more about winter highway maintenance operations and read the complete Winter Highway Maintenance Plan: <https://dot.sd.gov/>