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Weather Update #3 from Springfield

The heavy snowfall we experienced this morning let up long enough to allow City staff to begin cleaning up some of the mess left by the extensive tree damage that has occurred throughout the City. The Maintenance Division received more than 150 citizen service requests reporting downed trees or broken limbs blocking streets and sidewalks, in addition to a few reports of minor damage to vehicles.

Staff will continue to address these calls this afternoon and evening. As night falls and in preparation for the evening commute, we will turn the focus back to sanding and snow and ice activities. We will operate two (2) sanders throughout the night to support Fire Life Safety and Police emergency needs, as well as general sanding priorities, which includes being prepared for the morning commute. The Maintenance Division Fleet Shop will also remain open as needed this evening and tomorrow.

On another note, Lane County Emergency Management staff forwarded a precaution for possible local flooding as area rivers and tributaries are on the rise. That will likely carry into the next few days as pass level and valley temperatures are expected to reach 50 degrees. As mentioned earlier today the Public Works Maintenance Division will operate three shifts on a 24 hour basis until the event subsides. If you or someone you know has the need to contact our staff during normal business hours, do so at 541-726-3761. For after hour calls contact us at 541 726-3761, or through PD Dispatch at 541-726-3714.

Be safe.