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Mpls. Says Bye-Bye To Icy Mounds At Intersections



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(WCCO) Minneapolis is pushing to make it a bit easier for commuters and pedestrians by clearing street corners filled with ice and snow.

Around the clock, crews are hitting several parts of Minneapolis where piles of snow and ice on corners have become a public safety issue.

"You get to a corner. You can't see somebody coming up, so from a safety standpoint, it's huge you get these corners cleared out," said crew worker Al Birr. "And also for people to walk to and from the neighborhood."

There are 24,000 corners that must be cleared in Minneapolis.

Clear corners will mean an easier walk to class for Vanessa Rodgers, who has found herself slipping and sliding.

"I'm glad that they're doing it," she remarked about her corners in North Minneapolis getting cleared.

Mike Kennedy, the Winter Operations Director in Minneapolis, has put extra equipment and extra staff on the streets to clear everything up.

"We recognize now it's a higher priority. Very important to do so. So in order to accelerate it and do it quicker, we are going to do this work at night," he said.

Sometimes there's so much snow and ice, the truckers have to haul it away to a special location and dump it there. Other times, crews are able to move the snow from the street corners and put it on the side of the street.

Birr cleared about 300 corners Wednesday.

"It's something I do enjoy," he remarked about his work.

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