

Landscape – Irrigation – Maintenance Since 1984

Snow Update 4/7/2013 8:00 AM

We have been watching a strong storm approaching since last week. The National Weather Service is saying we have a 90% chance of 6"-12" of snow for Monday night into Tuesday morning. This is a good old-fashioned upslope passing through the four corners area.

Rain will turn to snow around midnight Monday/Tuesday. That means snow will not accumulate until early Tuesday morning. There likely will not be enough accumulation to begin service until dawn. It will then snow and blow hard all day. Unfortunately, once again the timing of the storm means a very messy and dangerous morning rush hour. Traffic and wet, heavy snow will slow services making things even more difficult. It may not be possible to reach all sites by the afternoon.

Please review your contract agreement for specifics, a quick review follows: Generally, for storms under 10", we are expected to service your site within 8 hours of reaching your specified limit, and then at 12 hour intervals for the duration of the storm. For storms over 10", we will contact you with our plan and recommendations for the equipment, personnel, and time needed to service your site. We have all of our equipment at the ready. We have been recruiting extra personnel since Tuesday of last week.

We do expect 12 to 18 hours of significant snow that will make travel difficult. The NWS is warning " Visibilities will be reduced to less than 1/4 mile due to snow and blowing snow. Travel will be dangerous as roads will become icy and snowpacked due to blowing and drifting snow." They are asking that we be prepared for a weather emergency.

Tuesday will present inconveniences for our clients as well as our employees. We will be working through the night to make sure that life returns to normal by Wednesday.

On the bright side, this storm will be wet and heavy bringing desperately needed moisture to the Front Range. It is early enough in the season that we should not see a lot of damage to trees. But the moisture arrives late enough to help the grass green up, and stay that way through April. We will continue with updates as the storm progresses.

Thank you,

Wm. Michael Farrell, MBA,MSIB,ISA,APLD Landscape Consultants & Contractors, Inc mike@landscapeconsultantsandcontractors.com 303-618-5281