

## **Collection Services Update – February 22, 2010 (10:00 am)**

For the second time in less than two weeks, Metro Detroit is being hit with another snow storm. Local media outlets are reporting that various areas of Metro Detroit have already experienced three to five inches of snow from this storm with an expected storm total of four to eight inches.

Just like many other agencies and businesses in the Metro Detroit area, the overnight snow has impacted our operations and will continue to do so for the entire day.

Reports from Republic's operations managers and field supervisors, who have been monitoring road conditions since early this morning, are that many roads are in poor condition. Many county road commissions are focusing their plowing and salting efforts on the expressways and primary roads. The conditions of residential subdivisions and side streets vary from community to community but for the most part appear poor at this time.

Republic's collection services are running behind our normal schedule due to the snow and road conditions. Our operations supervisors and managers are in the field monitoring road conditions throughout the day to identify safety concerns and gauge our collection service progress. Our top priority is the safety of our drivers and other drivers we share the roads with as well as servicing our customers.

Republic would also like to remind communities and residents that it is important that solid waste and recycling materials are easily identified and accessible from the street. This will ensure that the materials are collected.

As the day progresses and information develops, we will keep you informed. If you have any questions, please contact your route supervisor or operations manager.

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