

Wish granted for La Crosse's public works director. Late last year, Dale Hexom told us he was hoping for brown Christmas. Not in a scroogie kind of way. Just because having no snow to plow is good for his budget. He got the brown ground and a whole lot more. Nothing white in the forecast for the rest of this week, either. Hexom says that's saved money in overtime for certain. But then there's salt and equipment maintenance...

Hexom says, what was looking like a year-end deficit in fuel cost for his department has now turned into a fuel cost surplus.