



## **Snow Emergency Reminder - Avoid the Tow!**

***Help from drivers is needed to ensure safe passage of streets in winter.***

The City of Red Wing's snow removal process relies heavily on residents staying informed and being prepared to move vehicles as necessary so snow can be removed from streets safely and effectively.

During snowfalls (or in anticipation) of six inches or more in one snow event, the City of Red Wing will provide notice that a snow emergency is being declared. When a snow emergency is declared, notification will be provided to the local radio and newspaper as well as Twin Cities and Rochester radio and television stations by 6:00 pm on the day preceding the emergency. **Please remember that snow emergencies are typically two day events, with the first day affecting all snow emergency routes and the second day all non-snow emergency routes.**

Each snow emergency will take effect at 12:01 a.m. According to the guidelines established in the Snow and Ice Control Policy, all vehicles parked on city streets designated as Snow Emergency Routes must be moved and must remain off these streets until noon. Vehicles remaining parked on these streets during the declared period will be ticketed and towed at the vehicle owners' expense. This includes vehicles re-parked on plowed streets during the declared period. Parking is allowed during this period on all other streets that are not designated as Snow Emergency Route streets unless otherwise indicated.

The Snow Emergency for all other city streets designated as Non Snow Emergency Route streets will begin at 12:01 a.m. the following day. All vehicles parked on these streets must be moved and must remain off these streets until noon. Vehicles remaining parked on these streets during the declared period will be ticketed and towed at the vehicle owners' expense. This includes vehicles re-parked on plowed streets during the declared period. Parking is allowed during this period on all streets that are designated as Snow Emergency Route streets unless otherwise indicated.

Residents are also encouraged to check with their neighbors for available off-street parking. Off-street parking is also available at the following locations:

- City parking lot at Third and Plum Streets
- City parking lot at Oak and Williams Streets
- City parking lot off Bohmbach Drive by the Athletic Field
- City parking area at the Tenth Street pump station
- Legion parking lot at West Fourth and Potter Streets
- City parking area at 321 Potter Street
- All three city parking ramps – LaGrange, Studebaker and the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp

Regular parking restrictions apply all year round regardless of snow emergencies. It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street for a continuous period in excess of 20 hours in any part of the city. Vehicles are ticketed and towed when they remain in the same spot for more than 20 hours regardless of the weather.

The City of Red Wing is requesting the assistance of property owners and employers in making sure that your tenants and employees are informed of the policy and rules and regulations surrounding a snow emergency. Please post this information or provide copies as necessary.

Residents and business owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks, driveways, mailboxes and fire hydrants adjacent to their property. These areas should be cleaned without depositing any snow onto street surfaces. Snow piles must be placed where they will not be an obstruction to the vision of vehicles or pedestrians. Property owners are also responsible for ensuring that mailboxes are secure enough to withstand the impact of regular snowplowing.

Due to the unavoidable snow that gets deposited in driveway approaches and around roadside obstacles during plowing, it may be necessary for residents to clear driveways a second time after the street has been plowed.

It is illegal to push snow across streets on or next to public roadways, onto neighbors' property, store snow on boulevard areas, or block street signs.

When snowfall accumulations begin to approach six inches in a single snow event, stay tuned to local radio stations KWNG-FM and KCUE-AM for information on parking restrictions. During a snow emergency, this information is also available on Local Government Access Channel 6 and by visiting [www.red-wing.org](http://www.red-wing.org) or the City of Red Wing's social media sites at [www.facebook.com/cityofredwing](https://www.facebook.com/cityofredwing) and @CityofRedWingMN on Twitter.

A complete list of street classifications, maps and the snow and ice control policy are available on the website at [www.red-wing.org](http://www.red-wing.org), by contacting the Public Works office at (651)385-3674, or 229 Tyler Road N. between the hours of 7:00-4:00, Monday through Friday. If you have further questions please contact Lynn Nardinger, Deputy Director of Public Services, [lynn.nardinger@ci-red-wing.mn.us](mailto:lynn.nardinger@ci-red-wing.mn.us). Thank you.

For questions after normal business hours, please contact the Police Department non-emergency number at (651)385-3155 and ask to speak with a Red Wing Police Officer. The City of Red Wing would like to thank residents for their cooperation and assistance with snow removal.

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