



## **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 six or more inches of snowfall (or anticipated snowfall) in one snow event, the City of Red Wing will provide notice of a snow emergency being declared. Once 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 p.m. 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 that remain 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 that remain 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 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 Fourth Street Ramp

Regular parking restrictions apply 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/CityofRedWingMN](http://www.facebook.com/CityofRedWingMN) and [www.twitter.com/CityofRedWingMN](http://www.twitter.com/CityofRedWingMN).

A complete list of street classifications, maps, and the snow and ice control policy are available on the City's website or by contacting Public Works at 651.385.3674 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have further questions, please contact Lynn Nardinger, Deputy Director of Public Services, at [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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## **Thank You for Shoveling Your Sidewalk!**

Your neighbors and the public appreciate your efforts.

**What is Red Wing's current shoveling policy?** Property owners must shovel their sidewalk within 24 hours of snowfall. After that time, City crews will locate sidewalks that have not been shoveled and property owners will be given a one-time door hanger or posting in a visible location stating that their sidewalk has not been shoveled and they have an additional 24 hours to clear the sidewalk. After that time, crews will shovel private sidewalks that have not been cleared so that sidewalks remain safe and accessible for everyone, including children.

### **What happens if I don't shovel my sidewalk and the City crew does it for me?**

You will be charged \$50.00 for the removal of snow, an inspection fee of \$35.00, and a \$35.00 administration fee with an invoice mailed to the property owner. These costs will only be billed if the sidewalk is shoveled by City crews.

**What constitutes snowfall?** Any amount of snow or ice on the sidewalk.

**What is the acceptable amount of shoveling?** Sidewalks must be shoveled the full width of the sidewalk. Please refrain from shoveling snow onto a neighbor's yard, driveway, or sidewalk, or into the street. Use salt and/or sand to remove ice. The City provides free sand which can be picked up at the Public Works Office located at 229 Tyler Rd. N or the City Maintenance building in the 900 Block of East 7th Street. Driveway is located between the Days Inn and the Minnesota Correctional Facility.

**If I am a landlord, am I still responsible?** Yes, you are ultimately responsible for all the properties you own, even if you have made a prior shoveling agreement with your tenant.

**What if I am not able to shovel regularly?** You may call a snow removal contractor, hire a neighbor, or ask a friend.