

Snow Season

HELPFUL TIPS & INFORMATION



Parking Restrictions & Snow Emergencies

No parking is allowed between **1:00 am and 8:00 am** on any City street after a Snow Emergency has been declared and until the street has been plowed from curb to curb, whichever occurs later. Snow emergencies can be declared any time, and clearing often requires more than one pass on a street. Please allow two full days after a snow emergency has been declared for full removal of snow from your street.

Snow emergencies will be broadcast on KDHL radio, posted on the City website at www.ci.faribault.mn.us, Everbridge, Digital billboard on Hwy 21 & Hwy 60, Police and Newspaper Facebook, and the blue lights on the ends of Central Avenue will be turned on. The City also maintains a snow emergency hotline at (507) 333-0368 and post alerts on the website. Sign up for email alerts at www.ci.faribault.mn.us with Notify Me.

VEHICLES IN VIOLATION MAY BE TICKETED AND/OR

Pushing Snow into Streets is Prohibited

Snow may not be removed from private property and deposited on a public street or parking lot. It is also prohibited to plow snow across the street or to place it in the boulevard in front of adjacent property. Please deposit snow only on your property or the boulevard area directly in front of your property. For property owners using a contractor to clear snow, please inform them of these regulations. (Minnesota Statute 160.2715 and City Code Section 25-42).

Help Keep Fire Hydrants Cleared from Snow

Residents are encouraged to “adopt a fire hydrant” near their home and keep snow shoveled away from it. This will ensure that hydrants are quickly located and accessible in case of an emergency.

Clear Sidewalks of Snow and Ice

Per City Ordinance, snow and ice is to be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall. Homeowners and business owners with sidewalks adjacent to their property are responsible for the removal of snow. Please help keep sidewalks safe for pedestrians!



AVOID FROZEN WATER PIPES

This is the time of year that temperatures drop and water pipes can freeze. Here are a few recommendations from the Red Cross to prevent freezing of water lines and pipes.

- * Remove, drain, and store hoses used outdoors. Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outside hose bibs to allow water to drain. Keep the outside valve open so that any water remaining in the pipe can expand without causing the pipe to break.
- * Check around the home for other areas where water supply lines are located in unheated areas. Look in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas should be insulated.
- * Drain water from sprinkler supply lines following manufacturer's or installer's directions.

More tips are available at <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/frozen-pipes>

Proper Mailbox Installation will Help Keep it Upright this Winter

The City will plow as close as is practical to the curb where mailboxes are placed along the street to allow for passage of traffic and mail delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to keep piled snow away from mailboxes. The face of your mailbox should be two inches behind the back of the curb. The City may provide reimbursement for damaged mailboxes, but only if the mail box was properly installed, was in good condition, and the plow actually came in direct contact with the mail box (not for damage from snow coming off the plow blade). Please call the Public Works Department if you suspect your mailbox was struck by a plow or to obtain mailbox placement and installation details.

Shoveling Driveway Openings

Residents may find it less frustrating to wait until the plow trucks have completed the street plowing before cleaning the end of their driveway. City plows are designed to discharge the snow to the sides of the road and do not “skip over” driveways. Shoveling the snow from the bottom of the driveway to the right as you face the street will help lessen the amount of snow that will be deposited in the end of the driveway during the next plowing.



Children Stay Clear of the Street

Please have kids keep their sleds and other winter toys away from the street. Do not allow children to build snow forts or tunnels in the snowbanks next to the street, or to play near the curbs. It can be difficult for plow operators to see children playing in these locations.

Keep Trash & Recycling Bins Out of the Street

Avoid having to replace your trash container by keeping it out of the street and placing it on the boulevard or in your driveway (year round).

Thank you very much for your assistance and patience in getting through another Minnesota winter and plowing season. With everyone's cooperation, the City crews can plow the streets more efficiently, effectively, and safely, and we can keep plowing-related incidents to a minimum.

If you have any questions please call the Public Works Department at 507-333-0361.



Happy Holidays!