

Discussion Regarding Parking During Snow Removal Operations

Presentation to the Transportation Board

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What Can Be Done To Help Our Snow Removal Operations Perform Efficiently And Effectively On Residential Streets?

- This overview is in response to the Transportation Board inquiry into how can the Board assist with Snow Removal
- Public Education on a Winter Parking Plan or Ordinance through:
 - Social Media
 - Door Hangers, Flyers
 - News Media
 - Videos
 - Transportation Board Meetings
- Establish A Winter Parking Plan or possible ordinance for residential streets

What Can Be Done To Help Our Snow Removal Operations Perform Efficiently And Effectively On Residential Streets? Continued.....

- **Standard Schedule-** Storms of accumulations of 4 inches or more
 - Effective December through April no parking
 - Parking on odd or even sides of the street, concurrent to the odd or even calendar date.
 - Follow Los Alamos' Solid Waste pick up route.

Benefits Of A Winter Plan Or Ordinance

- Streets would be cleared more quickly and thoroughly.
- Less incidents of damaging of parked vehicles and trailers by plowing operations.
- Safer plowing operations especially on steep roads.
- Improved access to our drainage systems.
- Nuisance vehicles and trailers will be cleared from streets regularly.

What are other Municipalities Doing?

Village of Angel Fire

- It is a violation to park any vehicle on a residential right-of-way. Vehicles parked illegally during snow removal are subject to fines, towing and storage costs at the owner's expense. (Ref. Traffic Code. 12-6-6.3 and 12-6-6.1)
- If an illegally parked vehicle impedes snow removal, the snowplow operator may make a determination not to remove snow in that vicinity.

What are other Municipalities Doing?

Pagosa Springs, Colorado

The Town adopted designated snow routes with signage designating no parking during snow events. The snow route is effective the first Pagosa snow (usually in October) to the last snow (usually in April), during snow events it is prohibited to park along designated snow route streets. Violators will be fined and/or towed at owners' expense.

Additional information from Pagosa Springs, Colorado

- Do not park along snow routes during the storm. Parking problems are compounded by winter snow and a little extra care should be taken to avoid them
- **Parking along Highway 160 between 2am–6am is prohibited; this includes Pagosa Street (Main Street) through Downtown.**
- Do Not attempt to stop a snowplow or obstruct its path. Plows must maintain speed for maximum efficiency.
- Turn on your headlights if you see plows working or snow falling, being visible is critical!
- When approaching a plow from the rear, travel a minimum distance of 100 feet allowing for scattering of sand and abrupt movements.
- Use EXTREME caution when passing snow removal equipment. Before you pass please honk your horn and flash your lights to alert the operator you intend to pass.
- Equipment operators often work long hours under trying conditions. PLEASE be a courteous and friendly driver around them. Help them help YOU.
- Be patient. Be assured that during a snowstorm, every reasonable effort will be made to keep roadways open. All available personnel will be on the road during major snowstorms.
- We receive many complaints from adjoining property owners regarding a neighbor moving snow onto their property. Ask for permission first, most are upset that this is done without asking and they usually state “if only they would have asked, I would have said yes.”

What are other Municipalities Doing?

Durango, Colorado

- Snow routes are streets designated as important and necessary routes for safe travel within the City of Durango. Motor vehicles may be towed from designated snow routes if they are not moved when snow routes are enacted.
- To avoid getting towed, don't park your car on a snow route if it snows more than two inches, and find off street parking if you plan to leave for an extended period of time.

What are other Municipalities Doing?

Salida, Colorado

Citizens are encouraged to utilize off-street parking during snow storms. Cars parked on the roadway during snow plowing operations limit the ability to effectively plow the street which can lead to prolonged ice build-up. Access will be intermittent during work activities and on-street parking will be prohibited. Property owners are also reminded of their responsibility to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Many members of our community highly value the ability to walk their neighborhoods and business areas. Ignoring snow removal poses safety hazards, especially when conditions lead to a layer of ice. Please place the snow in your parkway or yard and not within the roadway. The section of the Salida Municipal Code governing this requirement is provided below for reference. Sec. 11-2-10. - Removal of snow and ice. A copy of the Municipal Code is available online by visiting:

https://www.municode.com/library/co/salida/codes/code_of_ordinances

What are other Municipalities Doing?

Rexburg, Idaho

- Rexburg, Idaho, prohibits overnight parking on ALL streets within the city limits from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. from December 15th to March 1st.

SECTION I: That Ordinance No. 523, be amended to read as follows, to-wit:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to leave or store any automobile, truck, bicycle, wagon or other conveyance or vehicle, machine, implement or other item of personal property between the fifteenth (15) day of December of each year and the first (1st) day of March of the following year upon any street or alley in the City of Rexburg, Idaho, between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 7:00 A. M."

What are other Municipalities Doing?

Madison, Wisconsin

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Winter Parking FAQs

Where is the snow emergency zone?

The Snow Emergency Zone is in the Downtown Isthmus area of Madison. [View on map.](#)

What is a Declared Snow Emergency and what restrictions are implemented?

- A Declared Snow Emergency is when snow accumulates to 3" or more and all the streets in the downtown Snow Emergency Zone must be plowed.
- When this occurs, people who park in the Snow Emergency Zone must abide by the [alternate side parking rules](#) for a minimum of the next two nights.
- A Snow Emergency is declared whenever it becomes necessary to plow ALL residential streets.
- A Snow Emergency will always be declared prior to 9:00 pm if it is to take effect that night.
- If conditions warrant, a Snow Emergency can be extended beyond the 48 hours.
- A Snow Emergency is a City-wide policy.
- Alternate Side Parking is in effect city-wide with the exception of the [Snow Emergency Zone](#) (unless there is a [Declared Snow Emergency](#)).
- Alternate Side Parking is in effect from November 15 - March 15, seven days a week, regardless of weather conditions.
- Park on the **EVEN** house numbered side of the street on even numbered days from **1:00 am – 7:00 am**.
- Park on the **ODD** house numbered side of the street on odd numbered days from **1:00 am – 7:00 am**.

How do I find out where to park my car tonight?

- Learn about the [alternate side parking rules](#).

Examples Of Challenging Residential Streets In Los Alamos During Winter Snow Operations













Questions?

