

Winter in Stewartville Snow, Snow, Snow

Any time snowfall is in the forecast, and especially when it starts to snow, it is most helpful for the City Crew in cleaning the streets, if no vehicles or trailers are parked in the street when the plows come by.

Accommodating parking needs and winter street maintenance is a balancing act. In order to allow residents to make the most use of the streets as possible, the City Council has chosen NOT to adopt a “strict no parking ordinance from Nov-April”. Instead, residents are allowed to use the streets all winter long, but will be required to move vehicles during snowfalls to accommodate the plows. While it might seem difficult to anticipate when the plows might go out, a good rule of thumb is that if snow is predicted do not park on the street.

Parking Restrictions

Our ordinance does not allow parking in residential areas after a snowfall of 2” or more. If conditions warrant, plow operators inspect routes during the snowfall for icy conditions and salt/sand as needed. Typically, we try to wait until after midnight to plow, but the exact time depends on the time of the snow storm and the intensity of the snowfall. No vehicles are allowed to be parked on the residential streets after two inches of snow/ice has fallen. To help our employees with safe efficient plowing, the Olmsted County Sheriff’s Dept. will be ticketing any vehicle parked on a residential street.

Snow Removal from Private Property

When snow is being removed from your driveway or parking lot (whether you do it or hire someone to do it), do not move it onto public roads, sidewalks, or neighboring property. Moving snow and ice from private property onto or across a public roadway is a violation of State Statute. Pushing snow onto a sidewalk is prohibited by City Ordinance.

Sidewalks

Sidewalks need to be cleared as quickly and completely as possible, after a snowfall (within 24 hours)! Pedestrians depend on the sidewalks and need the corners clear, too. Homeowners need to clear the public sidewalk in front of their home. Clear safe sidewalks are extremely important to young children as they walk to school early in the morning. Please respect the safety and convenience of your neighbors and keep the sidewalks clear.