

The Facts about Snow and Ice Control

Snow Emergencies

The City may declare a snow emergency when 2 or more inches of snow has fallen or winter conditions are causing hazardous driving conditions.

When a declared snow emergency is in effect, **NO PARKING IS ALLOWED ON DESIGNATED CITY SNOW ROUTES.**

Designated snow routes are posted with signs. Violations could result in a fine and or your vehicle being towed.

During declared snow emergencies, it is recommended that all residents use off street parking to aid City snow plows in their efforts to fully clear streets.

The City of Moline provides updates on local road conditions through local news channels and media outlets. It is advisable to always check local listings before driving during a declared snow emergency.

The length of a declared snow emergency is dependent on the length and intensity of the winter event.

Snow Plowing and Operations

During a winter storm, City snow removal crews first plow priority snow routes. These 10 routes include highly traveled main thoroughfares, hospital and school access, hills and posted snow routes.

After two inches of snow has fallen, the City plows residential streets. The City's goal is to clear all residential streets within a 24-hour period following the end of a winter storm.

City crews plow all ten priority snow routes simultaneously. The City plows alleys only where necessary for garbage collection, only after significant snowfalls, and only after all streets have been plowed.

Snow removal requires a 24 hour a day operation. Because of this, most City employees who have Commercial Drivers Licenses and who are qualified to operate snow removal equipment assist the Street Crews during major plowing operations.

Salt on Streets

During snow removal operations, the City spreads salt on streets and locations designated as salt routes. These routes include the priority routes of highly traveled thoroughfares, hospital and

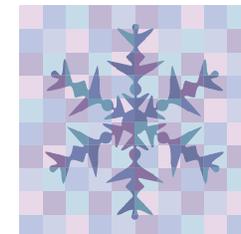
school access, hill routes, and posted snow routes. Except for stop signs, curves, and hills, the City does not routinely apply salt to residential streets.

The City limits its use of salt to designated routes because of the cost and environmental impact it has on our local streams and rivers. Moline uses 300-400 tons of salt during each winter storm and approximately 5,500 tons of salt each year.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

The City requires all property owners and occupants to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours following the end of a winter storm. Property owners and occupants who fail to observe this ordinance may receive a fine.

Property owners may NOT shovel, plow, dump, snow blow or otherwise place snow in any public street, highway, or alley right-of-way. Violators should be reported to the Department of Public Works at 524-2400.



Plowed in Cars and Driveways

As a consequence of plowing, cars parked on City streets will be plowed in and driveways will be blocked by windrows. It is **NOT** City policy to clear any driveway, parked car or sidewalk blocked as a result of any plowing operation.

Mailbox Policy

In the event snow depth prevents plowing up to mailboxes, the resident shall be responsible for clearing a path for the delivery of mail.

Fire Hydrants

The City asks residents to clear snow away from the fire hydrant nearest to their home. In an emergency, the Moline Fire Department needs to quickly locate these hydrants.

The Moline Fire Department thanks you for your efforts to keep fire hydrants visible during winter months.

For more information on snow and ice removal, visit the City's Website at moline.il.us or call the City of Moline Department of Public Works at 309-524-2400.

Normal office hours:

Monday – Friday 7 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Open continually during snow removal operations!



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