

Snow Emergencies

A Snow Emergency means the City Manager or their designee determined that snow removal from public roadways is necessary. Such a declaration is announced through the City's standard Public Service Announcement procedures and it will initiate all necessary plowing and roadway surface treatments as well as associated parking restrictions as described in the City Ordinances & policies. *See Ord. 18.0101(6)*

When a Snow Emergency is declared, all vehicles must be removed from all the roadways in the zones as they are specified in the Public Service Announcement. Parking may resume when such roadways have been plowed from curb to curb or edge to edge. If not removed, it will be subject to ticketing and towing.

Crews will not return to clear any snow piles left from parked vehicles.

Termination of a Snow Emergency on a particular roadway becomes in effect once it has been plowed curb to curb or edge to edge. Normal parking can then resume on that roadway.

Plowing Priorities

****Any EMS request takes precedence.****

1. Highways 20, 81, & 212
2. Snow Emergency Routes
3. Hospitals & Schools
4. Downtown Business District
5. Residential Zones

Plowing or sanding of any roadways may be stopped at any time to return to higher priority roadways for re-plowing or re-sanding if conditions warrant.

Sidewalk Cleaning

Property owners are responsible for the clearing of sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours of a snow event. *See Ord. 18.0311*

Private Property Snow Removal

No person or corporation shall cause snow or ice to be removed from private property and deposited on a public street; or public parking lot from which the Public Works Department customarily removes snow or ice. *See Ord. 18.0312A*

Downtown Business District

The Downtown Business District is generally plowed in the early morning of the second day (after the accumulation/wind stops).

All business owners & residents within the Downtown Business District are asked to have their **curbside sidewalks** cleared prior to removal being performed as announced in the PSA or they will be subject to the ticketing process.

Crews will not return to the area once it has been completed.

City-owned parking lots located within the Downtown Business District will be cleared at a different time, which will be announced by Public Service Announcement.

Plowing Zones

See attached map or visit our website at www.watertownsd.us for more details.

Lake Zone

Everything West of 21st Street W. & North of Hwy. 212

North Zone

Everything North of 14th Ave. N. & East of Hwy. 20

East Zone

Everything East of 19th Street E., North of Hwy. 212, & South of 14th Ave. N.

South Zone

Everything South of Hwy. 212.

Central Zone

Everything East of 21st St. W., South of 14th Ave. N., West of 19th St. E., and North of Hwy. 212

Downtown Zone

Everything West of Hwy. 81, South of 1st Ave. N., East of 3rd St. W., and North of 1st Ave. S. This also includes:

- 2nd Ave. S. from Broadway St. S. to Maple St. S.
- Maple St. S. from 1st Ave. S. to 3rd Ave. S.
- Broadway St. from 3rd Ave. N. to 3rd Ave. S.
- 3rd St. E. from 1st Ave. S. to 2nd Ave. S.
- 1st Ave. N. From 3rd St. W. to 6th St. W.
- 4th St. E. from 1st Ave. N. to Hwy. 81
- Maple St. N. from 1st Ave. N. to 2nd Ave. N.

Vehicle Ticketing & Towing

During the winter, one of the City's main concerns is the removal of vehicles from the roadways in order to facilitate snow/ice removal and emergency operations.

Vehicles that are parked in violation (longer than 24 hours) are subject to ticketing (\$40.00 fine) and towing at the owner's expense. If fine is not paid within 72 hours (3 days), the fine will double to \$80.

Information regarding towed vehicles may be requested from the Police Department at 605-882-6210.

Related Ordinances

For complete ordinance text, please visit the City of Watertown website (www.watertownsd.us).

Title 18, Chapter 18.01

18.0101(1): Parking of Vehicles Prohibited
18.0101(4): Parking of Vehicles on Boulevard
18.0101(6): Declaration of a Snow Emergency

Title 18, Chapter 18.03

18.0310: Snow and Ice Nuisance
18.0311: Snow and Ice, Owner Must Remove
18.0312: Snow and Ice - Cost of Removal, Charged
18.0312A: Removing Snow From Private Property to Certain Streets, Parking Lots Prohibited

Title 19, Chapter 19.04

19.0404(2)(i): No Parking, Stopping, Standing in Certain Areas and At Certain Hours.
19.0406: Parking in Alleys
19.0409: No Parking and Time Limited Parking Where Signs Indicate
19.0419: Employee and Tenant Uptown Parking Designations

Snow Emergency Information

All Snow Emergency information will be found at the following media sources:

- Local Radio Stations
- City of Watertown Website
- City of Watertown Social Media Sites
- Keloland & KSFY Closesline

Text or Email Alerts

To receive text or e-mail alerts regarding snow/ice removal, please go to: <http://www.watertownsd.us/index.aspx>. Click on Notify Me, Enter Your Email Address, Scroll Down to News Flash, and select Snow Removal and Ice Management.

