

Code Compliance Corner

Over the past few weeks, we have had a couple of significant snowfalls and most likely we'll experience a few more before winter is over. First, let me give a shout out to the city snow removal crews for working hard, long hours to get our roads plowed in a timely manner. Keeping streets clear is a difficult, especially when the snow is heavy, wet and the temperatures become frigid. Being a great city in requires a team effort by everyone. Since we get a number of complaints about snow removal during major storms, here are a few thoughts to consider:



- Most residents are good about not parking their vehicles on the street overnight from December 1 to March 31 between 12:00 midnight and 8:00 am, but the code also states that vehicles are not to be parked on the road **anytime** when snow is present. If it's snowing, please do not park on the street any time of the day and inform visitors as well.
- If you have workers at your home on days that it's snowing, please instruct them to park their service vehicles in your driveway, not on the street in front of your home. If you are having construction done on your property, please inform your contractors of the parking ordinances and tell them to not leave their trailers on the street over a weekend or a holiday. This is a violation of our City Code and prevents us from getting the streets plowed in an efficient and timely manner.
- The vast majority of homeowners are very responsible in getting their sidewalks shoveled in a reasonable amount of time after a snowstorm. However, if it snows overnight and you live in a neighborhood close to either of our two elementary schools or Timberline, please try get your walks shoveled in time for our school children to safely walk on the sidewalk instead of out in the road.
- It is unlawful to shovel snow from a sidewalk or driveway into the street. There are several reasons for this. If the plows have already been by and it has stopped snowing, the snow you place in the street will remain there and becomes a safety problem for vehicles. Also, shoveled snow is heavier than naturally fallen snow and It can also become frozen into large chunks. Hitting a pile of heavy snow or a large frozen chunk with a plow can cause damage to the plow or cause a safety issue for our drivers.
- If it has been snowing hard for an extended period of time, your street might have already been plowed once, but now looks like it hasn't. Please be patient. The plows will circle back after they have completed their initial route.
- Keep access to your mailbox clear of snow for your mailman. If you have a community mailbox, talk to your neighbors and arrange for someone to keep the mailbox clear from snow in order for it to be accessible by both the mailman and those getting their mail.
- Remember that cul-de-sacs with vehicles parked in the street will not be plowed.

Let's all pitch in to facilitate efficient the snow removal on our streets and sidewalks and do our part to help our snowplow crew and to be good neighbors. Thank You!

11.06.040 PARKING REGULATIONS; 11.06.060 SIDEWALK REGULATIONS