The goal of the City’s snowplowing program is to provide effective snow and ice control on our streets, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns.

With residents and employees working together, we can maximize safety and minimize hazards during the snowy winter months.
**Winter Parking Restrictions**

When everyone keeps vehicles off the streets when three or more inches of snow has fallen or is expected to fall, snowplow crews can clean streets efficiently the first time.

- Vehicles cannot be parked on the street from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. each night from November 1 to April 1.
- Parking on the street is not allowed anytime there may be or the weather forecast shows an expected accumulation of three inches of snow or more.
- Parking can resume on the street once it has been plowed from curb-to-curb (but still no parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. November 1 to April 1).

If a vehicle is blocking the path of a snowplow, the vehicle owner could receive a ticket or the car may be towed. Plowing around parked vehicles in the street causes safety concerns and results in poor drainage and roadway conditions, which sometimes may last the remainder of the winter.

**Parking Reminder**

- Do not park in front of or directly across from a public or private driveway.
- Do not park within five feet of a public or private driveway, unless the vehicle owner is the homeowner. Exceptions are made for cul-de-sacs and eyebrows.

**Help Prevent Snowplowing Damage**

The City’s plow operators make every effort to avoid damage to areas adjoining the street, but in difficult weather situations, such damage may occur. To prevent damage, please do not place landscaping items or other intrusions in the street Right-of-Way (ROW). Items intruding on the ROW will not be repaired or replaced by the City if damaged during snow removal operations. Garbage and recycling containers should be placed behind the curb so they do not interfere with plowing. These containers will not be repaired or replaced if damaged during snow removal.

Sod damaged by the plow during snow removal will be repaired the following spring. The City will make the repair using black dirt and grass seed.

**Mailbox Installation**

It is the homeowner’s responsibility to make sure that mailboxes and newspaper boxes are installed with the proper clearance levels to avoid damage from the snowplow. Homeowners are responsible for clearing snow away from mailboxes. If snow is not cleared away from the mailbox, it may delay your mail service by the post office.

- Also, the snow plow operators make every effort to remove snow as close to the curb line as possible and to provide access to the mailboxes for the postal service. However, with the large equipment the City operates, it is not possible to completely remove snow around mailboxes. The final cleaning adjacent to mailboxes is the responsibility of each resident.

Mailbox Damage

Individual residential mailboxes damaged during removal will not be authorized for repair unless there is physical evidence that the snow removal vehicle actually hit the mailbox. If the snow removal vehicle is deemed to have hit the mailbox, the City will reimburse the property owner up to $75.00 with receipts. If the mailbox is not installed according to USPS standards (www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm) or is damaged due to the weight/pressure of the snow, it is the responsibility of the property owner to repair or replace the mailbox. Newspaper boxes must be installed with proper clearance room.

**Mailbox & Newspaper Box Installation Guide**

http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov/snowremoval

**Winter Parking Restrictions**

Garbage and recycling cans placed in the street are a nuisance to our snowplow drivers and make it impossible to clear the streets of snow from curb-to-curb. Help our drivers by placing your garbage and recycling cans on the driveway, behind the curb and out of the street. The garbage and recycling trucks have long, mechanical arms that can reach from the street to the driveway with no problem! Our snowplow drivers thank you!

**Please Clear Snow From Fire Hydrants**

City crews do not clear snow from hydrants. We need the public’s help. Please shovel the snow out from around your nearest fire hydrant. It will save time for firefighters in case of a fire. Thank you!

**Keep Cans Behind the Curb**

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