

Snow and Ice Control for the City of Coon Rapids



The goal of our 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 City employees working together, we can maximize safety and minimize hazards during the snowy winter months.

As part of the removal of snow from public streets, snow is nearly always deposited in driveways. City personnel do not provide driveway clearing to remove this snow. 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 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.

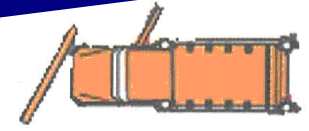


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Plowing Priorities

1. Streets identified by the City as “Arterials or Mains” will be plowed first. These are high volume roads which connect major sections of the City and provide access for emergency fire, police and medical services.
2. Second priority streets are those providing access to schools and businesses.
3. Third priority streets are low volume residential streets. These streets will be plowed with a different starting point for each snow event where possible so the same neighborhoods are not always plowed first or last.
4. Fourth priority areas are City parking lots and park facilities. Sidewalks are maintained by the City and will be plowed after the streets have been plowed.

That’s a lot of plowing!



Arterial Streets (Mains)	86.3 lane miles
Residential Streets.....	351 lane miles
Cul-de-sacs	437
Sidewalks	102 miles
Parking Lots.....	24

Your help is needed for safe and effective snow removal. Please help snow removal crews by following these simple do’s and don’ts

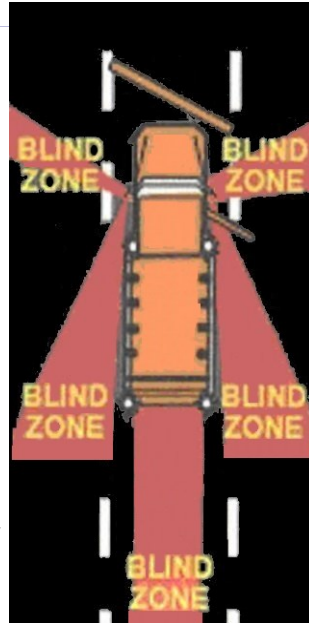
Do	Don’t
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the winter parking regulations and act accordingly. • Follow the weather forecast and drive according to conditions. • Give snowplow operators room to work safely • Be patient—plowing and salting take time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throw the snow from your driveway onto the street or sidewalk. • Park your car on the street after a snowfall until the street is plowed from curb to curb. • Place garbage or recycling containers in the street. • Allow children to build snow forts near the road.

Sharing the Road with Snowplows

Snow plow drivers have a limited field of vision—don't assume they can see you.

Never pass on the right; they are pushing snow and spreading salt to the right.

Keep four to five car lengths behind a snow plow so the driver can see you.



To get the job done and provide a consistent level of service:

- Plowing commences at 3:00 a.m. or earlier so priority streets are cleaned by rush hour.
- 11 plow routes, 11 cul-de-sac routes, and 4 side-walk routes are plowed.
- Plows are operated by Public Works Department employees who are cross-trained on snow removal equipment, and include personnel from Street Maintenance (12); Park Maintenance (8); Utility Maintenance (4); and other Public Works areas (5) for a total of 29 operators.
- Equipment used for snow removal includes: street plow trucks with sanders (11); a front-end loader with snow blower (1), front-end loaders with plows (3) sidewalk snow blowers (5); and four-wheel drive pickup trucks with plows (15).

Winter Parking Regulations

- On Street parking is not allowed in the City of Coon Rapids between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between the 1st of November and the 1st of April.
- No parking is allowed on any block of any public street within 24 hours of a snow event causing the accumulation of three inches or more at street level. During this time frame, parking



Parking regulations are enacted to provide for the efficient, effective and economical removal of snow.

shall be permitted, if not otherwise prohibited, whenever the entire length of roadway that block has been cleared of snow from curb to curb.



- No parking is allowed on any public street when such parking interferes with the snow removal operations of the City. Vehicles may be removed by the City at the owner's expense, provided the owner is notified of the City's intent to remove snow on that street by tagging the vehicle with a warning at least 24 hours prior to the removal of the car.
- Additional parking restrictions may be used within or near commercial and industrial areas, if required, prohibiting parking on the odd-numbered side of the street on odd numbered days and on the even-numbered side of a street on even numbered days. Signs will designate these parking restrictions.

Violation of parking restrictions can result in a fine and/or removal of the vehicle at the owners expense.

Ice Control Operations

The City will use ice control mixes on steep grades and high volume intersections and curves when hazardous ice or slippery conditions occur. Ice control treatments will be used with consideration to need, effectiveness, cost and environmental concerns. The City uses a product that combines a biodegradable material mixed with salt. It is less corrosive and more environmentally friendly than the commonly used ice control mixes.

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.

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.

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.



Snowplowing Basics

The City of Coon Rapids receives an average of 54 inches of snow a year. The plow crews generally plow an average of 10 times per year. During a snow emergency, the snowplow crews plow over 400 lane miles of streets.