



2011-12 Snow Season Helpful Tips & Information



Parking restrictions and Snow Emergencies.



No parking is allowed between 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on any City of Faribault street after a Snow Emergency has been declared and until the street has been plowed from curb to curb, whichever occurs later. Snow emergencies are typically declared after a 2-inch or more snow fall. Snow removal operations often require more than one pass on a street. Please allow two full days after a snow emergency has been declared for full removal of snow from your street.

Snow emergencies will be broadcast on KDHL radio, posted on the City website at www.faribault.org, and for those in the downtown area, the blue lights on the ends of Central Avenue will be turned on. The City of Faribault also maintains a snow emergency hotline at (507) 333-0368.

VEHICLES IN VIOLATION MAY BE TICKETED AND/OR TOWED!



Pushing snow into the street or City parking lots is prohibited.

No person shall cause snow to be removed from private property and deposited on a public street or parking lot, or shall deposit such snow from private property on any such street or lot in a manner which obstructs or interferes with traffic. It is also prohibited to plow snow across the street or to place it in the boulevard in front of adjacent property owners. Please deposit snow only on your own property or the boulevard area directly in front of your property. For those property owners using a contractor to clear their snow, please inform them of these regulations. (Minnesota Statute 160.2715 and City Code Section 25-42).

Keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice.



Per City Ordinance, snow and ice is to be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall. Homeowners and businesses with sidewalk adjacent to their property are responsible for the removal of snow. Please help keep sidewalks safe for pedestrians.



Trash receptacles and recycling bins must be kept out of the street.

Avoid having to replace your trash container by keeping it out of the street and placing it on the boulevard or in your driveway (year round).



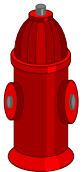
Proper installation of your mailbox can help keep it upright this winter.

The City will plow as close as is practical to the curb where mailboxes are placed along the street to allow for passage of traffic and mail delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to keep piled snow away from mailboxes. The face of your mailbox should be 2” behind the back of the curb. The City may provide reimbursement for damaged mail boxes, but only if the mail box was properly installed, was in good condition, and the plow actually came in direct contact with the mail box (not for damage from snow coming off the plow blade). Please call the Public Works Department if you suspect your mailbox was struck by a plow or to obtain mailbox placement and installation details.



Shoveling driveway openings.

Residents may find it less frustrating to wait until the plow trucks have completed the street before cleaning the end of their driveway. City plows are designed to discharge the snow to the sides of the road and do not “skip over” driveways. Shoveling the snow from the bottom of the driveway to the right as you face the street will help lessen the amount of snow that will be deposited in the end of a driveway during the next plowing.



Help out by clearing snow from around fire hydrants.

Residents are encouraged to “adopt a fire hydrant” near their home and keep snow shoveled away from it. This will ensure that hydrants are quickly located and accessible in case of an emergency.



Make sure that children play well clear from the street.

Please have kids keep their sleds and other winter toys away from the street. Do not allow children to build snow forts or tunnels in the snowbanks next to the street, or to play near the curbs. It can be difficult for plow operators to see children playing in these locations.

Thank you very much for your assistance and patience in getting through another Minnesota winter and plowing season. With everyone’s cooperation, the City crews can plow the streets more efficiently, effectively, and safely, and we can hopefully keep plowing-related incidents to a minimum.

If you have any questions please call the Public Works Department at 333-0361.

