CITY OF ST. PAUL PARK

POLICY

For

Snow Removal

Adopted by the St. Paul Park City Council

November 3, 2014
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Winter parking Restrictions:

No parking on any city street from November 1\textsuperscript{st} thru April 1\textsuperscript{st} of the following year between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Street Plowing:

The Public Works Department attempts to plow all city streets within 6-8 hours of a typical 2”-6” snow fall. Additional time may be needed to clear snow from city streets when accumulations are greater than 6”. During forecasted weather events such as snow fall, freezing rain and ice incidents, the road ways will be monitored for changing conditions by Public Works and the Police Department personnel.

Streets will be plowed and/or salted based on traffic volumes. Streets with higher traffic volumes will be given priority and lower volume residential streets will follow. Cul-de-sacs, alleys and parking lots will be plowed after the streets have been cleared. Plowing will commence at approximately 4 a.m. during a typical snow fall event. Start times for plowing may vary based on time of day, type, and extent of the winter weather event. During heavy snowfalls and peak traffic times every attempt will be made to keep the driving lanes of the city streets passable however curb-to curb plowing will done after cessation of the snow fall event.

To lessen the environmental impact, only the driving lanes may be plowed after snow accumulations of less than 2”. This will allow city crews to use less salt on the streets and thereby the salt does not enter the storm water system.

Sidewalks:

Currently the city removes snow from the following sidewalks: on the north side of Pullman Ave. from 3\textsuperscript{rd} St. to Chicago Ave and on Summit Ave. at the Hwy 61 overpass. All other sidewalks within the city are to be cleared of snow and ice by the owner/occupant of the property on which the sidewalk is located.

Damage to Mailboxes and private property:

If a mailbox is tipped over or knocked down by snow during snow plow operations it is the responsibility of the property owner to make necessary repairs. If a properly installed mailbox is physically hit or damaged by city equipment it shall be the responsibility of the city to make repairs or replace the mailbox. If a mailbox is to be replaced, it will be replaced with a standard postal approved mailbox. Please check with the U.S. Postal Service to make sure that your mailbox meets height and setback requirements.
It is the responsibility of property owners to keep their mailbox clear of snow for postal deliveries.

Replacement or repair of objects in the right-of-way area (ROW) is the responsibility of the property owner. This includes but is not limited to any landscaping, boulders, posts, fences, irrigation systems or improperly installed mail boxes as well as any other substantial objects in the ROW. If your lawn (grass/sod) is physically damaged by city snow removal equipment repairs will be made with black dirt and grass seed in the spring.

**Garbage and Recycling Containers:**

Please do not place garbage or recycling containers in the street during a snow fall event until your street is plowed curb-to-curb. Containers can be placed in your driveway behind the curb line and still be accessible for pick-up.

**Fire Hydrants:**

Residents are encouraged to help the Public Works Department by clearing snow away from fire hydrants. This will allow the Fire Department adequate access to the hydrant in the event of an emergency. We ask you to clear the snow in a 5’ area around the fire hydrant.

**Safety:**

Per City Ordinances sec 26-34, it is illegal to deposit snow from your property onto any city street or to push the snow across city streets and deposit it onto public or private property.

Please allow a safe distance when following or approaching snow removal equipment. During snow removal operations the plows create a cloud of snow and plow drivers may not be able to see vehicles that are following too closely. Also, Snow plows are stopping, turning and backing up frequently so your visibility to plow operators is very important. Remember, if you can’t see the mirrors on the equipment, then the driver can’t see you either. **Stay Back and Stay Alive!**