

## For More Information:

### Normal Snow Plowing & Deicing

Public Works ..... 641.673.6885

### Concerns About Unsafe Sidewalks

Code Enforcement..... 641.673.3541

### General Information

City Hall ..... 641.673.9431

### Oskaloosa Police Department

Emergency..... 911

Non-Emergency..... 641.672.2557

### Oskaloosa Fire Department

Emergency.....911

Non-Emergency..... 641.673.3541

### Downtown Parking

City Hall ..... 641.673.9431

*Cars that must be parked downtown should seek off-street parking in any of the City's parking lots*

## Briefly Noted:

- Sidewalks must be shoveled within 24 hours after a storm stops.
- If walks are not cleared and the City receives a complaint, the City will clear the sidewalk and bill the property owner.
- On-street parking is not allowed until after the entire width of the street has been plowed.
- Vehicles remaining on the street are subject to being ticketed and/or towing at owner's expense.
- If damage occurs to your yard due to plowing operations, the City will repair the damage in the spring.
- If damage occurs to your mailbox due to plowing operations, the City will repair/replace your mailbox at a cost not to exceed \$35.
- Contact Oskaloosa Public Works to report property damage as soon as possible following the incident.



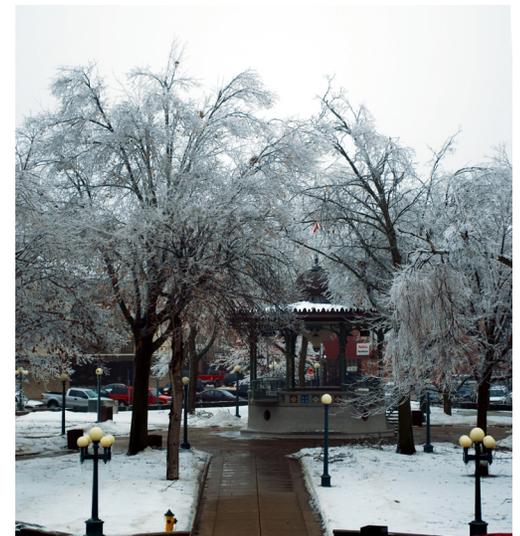
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*GOOD TO NOTE:*

## WHAT TO DO WHEN IT SNOWS

*Residents Reference Guide when  
Snow and Ice Blanket Oskaloosa*



A "Good to Note" Publication  
brought to you by The City of Oskaloosa  
[www.oskaloosaiowa.org](http://www.oskaloosaiowa.org)  
For "When It Snows" Questions,  
Contact Public Works: 641.673.6885

## Did you know...

According to the National Climate Data Center, the average annual snowfall in South Central Iowa is 23.5 inches. The average number of days it snows ranges from 14.2 to 28.2. Oskaloosa falls in the 24-inch range. When it snows, residents have a responsibility to help clear snow and ice. This brochure was prepared help answer some common winter-related questions.



## Parking on City Streets

When winter events require clearing or plowing the city streets, the City Manager will issue a "Snow Emergency." **No on-street parking is allowed** during a snow emergency.

**This means all vehicles must be removed** from city streets so plowing can take place in the safest and most efficient means possible. Vehicles left on the street are subject to being ticketed and/or towed at the owners expense.

**Parking on city streets is permitted after** all the accumulated snow has been removed from the entire street.

## Clearing Snow and Ice from Sidewalks & Driveways

Sidewalks (including those portions that cross driveways) must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of the storm. This includes sidewalks which may cross alleys and crosswalks. Throwing shoveled snow

into the street is not recommended to keep plows from pushing it back into driveway entrances.



## Mailbox & Property Damage

If damage occurs to your yard due to plowing operations, the City will repair the damage in the spring. If damage occurs to your mailbox due to plowing operations, the City will repair/replace your mailbox at a cost not to exceed \$35. Call Public Works to report damage.

## Packed Snow on the Streets

The Public Works Department uses snow plows which can be mounted on the same trucks used all year round for different tasks. These plows have a tendency to ride on top of densely compacted snow. When traffic has been driving on non-plowed streets, the snow gets compacted and is difficult to remove.



## Ordinances

There are ordinances in place which prohibit throwing shoveled snow into the streets. City Code also addresses clearing sidewalks within 24 hours, parking bans during a Snow Emergency, and other winter weather related notices put in place for the safety of Oskaloosa's residents and the City Staff. City Ordinances can be viewed on-line by visiting the city's web site at [www.oskaloosaiowa.org](http://www.oskaloosaiowa.org) and then clicking on the "Living Here" link.



**Questions or concerns?  
Public Works,  
641.673.6885**

## City Plowing Priorities

The Street Department Staff first plows designated snow routes, streets marked with blue signs displaying a snowflake. Next, secondary roads and cul-de-sacs, and finally City alleys and parking lots. Call Public Works (641.673.6885) for more information about Snow Routes or plowing priorities, or visit [www.oskaloosaiowa.org](http://www.oskaloosaiowa.org).

## Keeping You Informed

The City of Oskaloosa does its best to keep the community informed about Snow Emergencies and when plowing will take place. Information is placed in newspapers, on local radio stations, on Facebook, on local access TV channels, and the City's web site. **The snow ordinance and all city ordinances are available at [www.oskaloosaiowa.org](http://www.oskaloosaiowa.org).** Residents can receive informational emails by subscribing to "Notify Me" through the web site. If you have helpful suggestions about informing the public or snow control, call Oskaloosa Public Works (641.673.6885) or mail suggestions to 804 S. D Street, Oskaloosa, IA 52577.

## Before the Storm

The City takes a pro-active approach to storm management by applying a chemical deicer before and during a storm. This chemical helps prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement and makes for more effective removal of the snow.

