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City of Dubuque Winter Weather Reminders

DUBUQUE, Iowa — As tri-state residents prepare for the first forecasted major winter storm of the season, the City of Dubuque is reminding residents of its snow route parking policies, snow removal operations, and winter solid waste setout tips:

Odd/Even Snow Route Parking:

After significant snowfalls and when the City's snow route policy is declared, the program requires "odd/even" parking along Dubuque's designated snow routes. When in effect, parking is prohibited on "even-numbered" sides of streets on even days of the month and on "odd-numbered" sides of streets on odd days of the month. Parking restrictions are in effect from noon to 5 p.m. OR 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., depending on the street. Violators of the odd/even parking policy will be ticketed and fined \$30. For additional details, including a map, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/snowroute.

Enforcement of the snow route parking policy is announced in advance through area news media, including CityChannel, the local government access channel on the Mediacom cable television system (97.2 digital, 8 analog) and webstreamed at www.cityofdubuque.org/media. Notification is also provided via emails and texts through the City's Notify Me system. Subscription is available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme. Activation of the policy is also announced on the City of Dubuque website (www.cityofdubuque.org) and through the City's CodeRED emergency notification system.

Snow Removal:

It is the responsibility of property owners to keep sidewalks clear of snow and/or ice immediately after a snow fall ends and no longer than 48 hours past the end of a snow event.

If the sidewalk is not cleared, the City will send one courtesy notice before hiring a contractor to clear the snow and assess the property; further violations may result in civil citations with penalties up to \$750 plus court costs. Please assist the Dubuque Fire Department by clearing snow from fire hydrants in your neighborhood. Also, corner lots are required to clear the snow from the access ramps to allow unimpeded passage for pedestrian traffic.

It is against City code to shovel or blow snow into the streets when clearing driveways and sidewalks; repeat violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$750 and court costs after they have been served notice.

Solid Waste Setout Tips:

In winter weather, residents are encouraged to use higher-quality solid waste containers that are resistant to cracking and use lids to keep rain, snow, and ice out of the containers. City crews will not empty cans or containers that are frozen up or overweight with snow or water. Also, please use dark-colored garbage bags, not white ones, to make it easier for collection crews to see trash bags. Collection items should be set out by 6 a.m. and placed in a shoveled-out, street-side “windrow” notch, not on the sidewalk behind a car, snow pile or windrow. Empty containers should be removed from windrows and sidewalks as soon as possible to aid walkers and snow plow crews.

For more information on odd/even snow routes and winter solid waste collection, please contact the Public Works Department at 563-589-4250 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/snowandicecontrol. For more information regarding snow and/or ice removal on sidewalks, contact the Engineering Department at 563-589-4270 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/sidewalks.

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