

# Winter REMINDERS

## Odd/Even Snow Route Parking Policy & Notifications

Dubuque's odd/even snow route parking policy affects almost 34 miles of the city's most heavily traveled streets. The policy is intended to temporarily restrict cars from parking along the route, allowing crews to plow the streets from curb to curb. This policy helps crews plow more effectively, improve driving conditions, and provide better on-street parking for residents and businesses.

After snowfalls of three or more inches and when the City's snow route policy is declared, the program requires "odd/even" parking along designated snow routes for two consecutive days. For the days the policy is in effect, parking is prohibited on the "even-numbered" side of the streets on the even-numbered date and on the "odd-numbered" side of the streets on the odd-numbered date. Parking restrictions are in effect from noon to 5 p.m. OR 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., depending on the street.

### Example of Odd/Even Parking

Day Declared:	No Parking:
January 5 (odd day)	Odd # addresses
January 6 (even day)	Even # addresses

### Enforcement of the snow route parking policy will be announced at least six hours in advance on the following:

1. Email and/or text notifications to subscribers of the Odd/Even Snow Route Notify Me (subscribe at [www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme))
2. City of Dubuque website: [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org)
3. Alert Iowa (see back for details)
4. City of Dubuque social media accounts
5. CityChannel Dubuque (channels 8 and 117.2 on Mediacom and 5 on ImOn)
6. Local media



**Snow route parking restrictions are enforced during the entire posted time period with no allowance for parking prior to the end of the posted time period or after the snow plow passes. Vehicles violating the restrictions will be ticketed and fined \$50.**

### Be be sure to clear your sidewalk after it snows!

It is the responsibility of property owners to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and/or ice. According to the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances Chapter 10-1-3:

- Snow and ice must be removed immediately after the snowfall ends and **no longer than 48 hours after the end of the snow event.**
- The snow and ice must be removed at full width of the sidewalk from edge to edge to provide safe and accessible passage for pedestrians as required by federal ADA guidelines.
- If the snow and ice is not removed within 48 hours following a snowfall; it is removed by a City contractor and the cost is assessed to the property owner. Property owners will be notified and billed when the cost of the removal is determined. If the bill has not been paid at the end of the winter season, this cost will be assessed to the property and given to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes.

**For more information regarding snow and/or ice removal on sidewalks,** contact City Engineering at 563-589-4270 or [engineer@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:engineer@cityofdubuque.org) or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/snowremoval](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/snowremoval).

## DBQ SHOVEL CREW

### Are there special circumstances that prevent you from removing your snow?

DBQ Shovel Crew is a snow shoveling program that pairs volunteers with residents who are physically and financially unable to remove snow and ice from the city sidewalk adjacent to their property and do not have other resources to clear it such as neighbors, friends, or a hired service.

**To sign up as a volunteer or for details on finding help with snow removal,** call 563-589-4159 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/snowassistance](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/snowassistance).

# Stay INFORMED



Alert Iowa, a Smart911 product, is the State of Iowa's official emergency notification system. The City of Dubuque (and Dubuque County) use Alert Iowa for weather and emergency notifications by phone, text, and email. All Dubuque residents and businesses are urged to register today! For more information, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/alertiowa](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/alertiowa).

## Three easy ways to register!

1. Visit [alert.iowa.gov](http://alert.iowa.gov) and choose Dubuque County
2. Download the Smart911 app
3. Text DubuqueIA to 67283

## How You Can Help Snow Plow Operators

During a storm, the City's equipment operators work around the clock on alternating 12-hour shifts until all streets are plowed and safe for travel. Crews can do a better job when cars are not parked on the streets. If possible, the City asks that residents park their vehicles off the street during snow-plowing operations. Unavoidably, the City's snow-plowing equipment will leave a ridge of snow across your driveway. It is up to the property owner to remove the ridge left by the City's snow-plowing equipment.



When shoveling or snowblowing your driveway and sidewalk, please **DO NOT** shovel or blow snow into the street. Your cooperation reduces the time required to plow all streets, which in turn reduces overtime costs and impact on your taxes. Blowing or shoveling snow into the streets is a violation of a City ordinance. Violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$750 and court costs. Additionally, they are liable for the road hazards they have created.

Please keep sidewalk ramps and fire hydrants on or near your property clear.

## NOTIFY ME ALERTS

[cityofdubuque.org/snow](http://cityofdubuque.org/snow)

Sign up to receive Odd/Even Snow Route notifications at [cityofdubuque.org/snow](http://cityofdubuque.org/snow) or simply text DBQSNOW to 67283.



- For optimal visibility and easy access for the collection crew, avoid placing containers behind snow piles. Instead, position containers at the corner of your driveway or in a shoveled-out windrow\* notch, ensuring they are not on the sidewalk or obstructed by snow piles.
- If using a personal can, use high-quality solid waste containers that are resistant to cracking in cold weather.
- Ensure lids are closed to keep rain, snow, and ice out of containers.
- Crews will not empty frozen or overweight cans or containers.
- If you have extra trash, use dark-colored garbage bags, not white ones, so collection crews can see your trash has been set out.
- When recycling cardboard (no larger than 40" by 48"), please flatten and bundle, or, place flat under your recycling bin.
- Greeting cards, gift wrapping paper, Styrofoam, and plastic bags are not recyclable. Please place these items in the trash.
- Please remove empty containers from windrows and sidewalks as soon as possible to aid walkers and snow plow crews.

*\*The row or strip of snow on the edge of a plowed area.*

## Protect Your Pipes

**If your water meter freezes, you are responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement for a damaged water meter.**

The City of Dubuque Water Department reminds you to make sure that the plumbing and water meter in your home or business are properly protected from freezing. Be sure that your basement/utility room windows are tightly sealed from summer use and that there is proper heating provided to these areas. If you use heat tapes, make sure they are properly installed and are working safely. Please take the time now, before winter arrives, to ensure that the plumbing and water meter in your home or business is properly protected.