

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: I am physically unable to clear my sidewalk, what can I do?

The City offers assistance for sidewalk clearings to qualified individuals. To find out if you qualify, call the Public Works Department at (419) 354-6227 for more information.

Question: I'm frustrated because it seems that the moment I clear my driveway, the plow comes along and pushes snow on the end of my driveway.

Shoveling snow is hard work and it is understandable that you may be frustrated when the plow driver deposits snow into your freshly shoveled area. However, there is no reasonable way to make allowances for each driveway and curb cut in the City. You can help cut down on the amount of snow in the roadway by NOT shoveling or blowing your snow into the street. Try to keep your snow to the sides of your driveway.

Question: Why is the snow plowed to the center of some streets?

Snow is pushed to the center of certain streets to aid in keeping sidewalks clear for pedestrians. This can only be done on wide streets and is limited because it involves more work. Once the storm abates and crews are able, the snow will be hauled away in dump trucks.



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For additional information regarding enforcement of snow removal from sidewalks call: Planning Department at (419) 354-6218.

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For additional information regarding snow removal from streets call Public Works at (419) 354-6227.

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SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES



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Citizen Requirements for Snow Removal

Under the City's Codified Ordinances (Section 98.03), BG Citizens have certain requirements related to snow removal:

SNOW AND ICE TO BE REMOVED FROM SIDEWALKS

All property owners are required to clear snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their premises within twenty-four hours after the abatement of any storm during which such snow and ice have accumulated.

Failure to clear sidewalks may result in a civil infraction citation or a criminal citation for a minor misdemeanor with maximum penalty of \$150 per violation. The City may also have its contractor clear the sidewalks and bill all incurred costs to the property owner.

REMOVE VEHICLES FROM STREET

"Snow Streets" are designated throughout the City.

Designated snow streets are marked with blue and white signs.

Any vehicle parked on a snow street must be removed within two hours after accumulation of two-inches of snow or after the time a snow emergency is declared.

Vehicles parked in violation of snow regulations are subject to towing at the owner's expense and/or a citation.

Even if you don't live on a snow street, it is very helpful to remove vehicles from the street whenever possible. Doing so will expedite the roadway snow removal process.

DON'T PUT SNOW IN THE STREET

Citizens and plowing contractors should NOT shovel, plow, or blow snow onto the City street. This delays the process of clearing the streets and is prohibited.



City's Response to Quickly Clear Streets

The City is prepared to respond to winter weather conditions and will work quickly to clear the roadways. The application of salt is used to minimize icy roadways and assist in melting the snow.

City-operated plow trucks will push snow out of the roadway as soon as snowfall begins. The first priority for plowing is given to the City's main arterial streets. Once the storm abates and conditions improve, the snowplows widen all streets by moving the accumulated snow to the curb line and clearing intersections.

The City will commit its resources and personnel to address snow removal from the beginning of snowfall until all City roadways are cleared.