

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: When is a Snow Emergency declared?

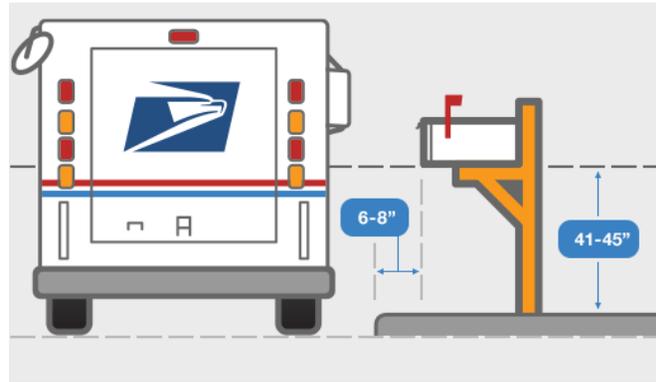
A Snow Emergency shall become automatic without a formal declaration of such emergency whenever the accumulation reaches a depth of two inches and prospects exists for additional accumulation.

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.



The City is not responsible for damage to mailboxes located in the City right of way which are damaged as a result of snow and/or ice or any other object dispersed from the snow plow blade during street clearing of snow by City crews.

Mailboxes should not overhang any curb nor pavement surfaces used as part of the travel lanes.

If a mailbox is improperly positioned as per United States Postal Service requirements and/or overhanging the curb or edge of pavement and is struck by the City plow, the city is not responsible for damage.

If a properly positioned mailbox, (usually 6-8" behind the face of curb or edge of pavement) meeting United States Postal Service requirements, is struck by City snow removal equipment due to non-weather related causes, the City will either repair or replace the mailbox. The City shall not pay more than a maximum rate for a replacement. The City reserves the right to make a determination on a case by case basis.

It is the responsibility of the property owners of each mailbox to remove snow/ice to ensure mail delivery.

City of Bowling Green, Ohio

SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES



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Public Works Department:
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(419)354-6218

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Citizen Requirements for Snow Removal

Under the City's Codified Ordinances (Section 98.06), 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 sidewalk 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 2 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 or across the City street*. This delays the process of clearing the streets and is **prohibited** under City Ordinance 98.22 and Ohio Revised Code 4511.74.



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.