

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

DURING SNOW AND ICE CONDITIONS, EMERGENCY CALLS FROM POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY IN SNOWPLOWING EFFORTS. IF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION ARISES DURING A SNOWFALL OR STORM AND THE STREET IS NOT PASSABLE, CALL 911.

HELP US HELP YOU

- ◆ SHOVELS, SNOWBLOWERS, SAND AND ROCK SALT ARE ALL GREAT ITEMS TO HAVE ON HAND DURING SNOW SEASON. PLEASE DO NOT SHOVEL OR BLOW SNOW ON TO WABASHA STREETS. IT IS A VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCE.
- ◆ WHEN SOMEONE IS HIRED TO DO SNOW REMOVAL BE AWARE THAT SNOW MOVED FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY CANNOT BE PLACED ON WABASHA STREETS BECAUSE DOING SO IS IN VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCE.
- ◆ SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL IS A DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING JOB. PATIENCE IS APPRECIATED AS CITY STAFF WORKS DILIGENTLY TO RESTORE STREETS TO NORMAL WINTER DRIVING CONDITIONS.
- ◆ PLEASE REMOVE VEHICLES FROM THE STREET WHEN IT SNOWS. THIS WAY WE CAN KEEP OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU TO HAVE SNOW REMOVED FROM WABASHA STREETS WITHIN 12 HOURS. THE CITY STRIVES TO MINIMIZE OR, IDEALLY, ELIMINATE TOWING.



STAY BACK STAY ALIVE

An average snowplow weighs 50,000 pounds versus a car's weight of 3,000 pounds.

Snow & ice control information

SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION 565-3404

FOR ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION ON SNOW EMERGENCIES IN WABASHA.

PLOWING, SALTING STREETS AND SNOW ROUTES 565-3404

EMERGENCY 911

GOING OUT OF TOWN?

THIS INFORMATION MAY BE HELPFUL

24-HOUR MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRAVEL INFORMATION: 1-800-542-0220

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WEB SITE:
WWW.DOT.STATE.MN.US

CITY OF WABASHA

900 Hiawatha Drive, East
P.O. Box 268
Wabasha, MN 55981

*For all the latest snow emergencies in
Wabasha, Call 565-3404, 24-hour service*

CITY OF WABASHA SNOW & ICE CONTROL

Public Works Policies & Procedures

www.wabasha.org



**SNOW AND ICE CONTROL CREWS WORK TO
CLEAN ALL WABASHA STREETS WITHIN 12
HOURS OF AN
ACCUMULATED SNOWFALL.**

**WHEN A SNOW EMERGENCY IS IN EFFECT,
THERE IS NO PARKING ON ANY CITY STREET SO
SNOW CAN BE REMOVED QUICKLY AND SAFELY.**

SNOW & ICE SEASON INFOR-

THE CITY OF WABASHA IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL INFORMATION TO WABASHA RESIDENTS. THIS INFORMATION OUTLINES AND CLARIFIES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CURRENTLY IN PLACE TO HELP MINIMIZE HAZARDOUS ROAD CONDITIONS WITHIN WABASHA.

WABASHA PUBLIC WORKS STAFF CONTINUES TO EXPLORE WAYS TO IMPROVE SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDES SURVEYING OTHER PUBLIC WORKS AGENCIES ON METHODS USED FOR PLOWING EFFICIENCIES AND RESEARCHING NEW PRODUCTS. THIS HELPS DETERMINE WHAT PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT WILL HELP ENHANCE THE SNOW REMOVAL PROCESS SO THAT BARE PAVEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

THE CITY OF WABASHA PUBLIC WORKS STAFF STRIVES TO PROVIDE THE SAFEST WINTER DRIVING CONDITIONS POSSIBLE. IT IS THE CITY OF WABASHA POLICY TO HAVE ALL DRIVING LANES IN WABASHA PLOWED WITHIN 12 HOURS OF AN ACCUMULATED SNOWFALL. IN ADDITION, BARE PAVEMENT AND CURB-TO-CURB SNOW REMOVAL IS EXPECTED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME FOLLOWING A SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL OR STORM.

SALT, SAND, CHEMICALS AND

WHEN THE SNOW STARTS TO FALL, PUBLIC WORKS STAFF DETERMINES THE APPROPRIATE METHOD FOR ALLEVIATING UNSAFE ROAD CONDITIONS. SALT, SAND AND CHEMICALS ARE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS IN DEALING WITH SNOW AND ICE ON CITY STREETS.

AS A GENERAL RULE, IF THE ACCUMULATED SNOWFALL REACHES 3.0 INCHES, THE SNOW IS DEEMED PLOWABLE. ONCE A PLOWABLE LEVEL IS REACHED, THE CITY OF WABASHA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DISPATCHES ALL SNOWPLOWING EQUIPMENT CONSISTING OF (1) 1 1/4 TON PLOW AND (1) 3/4 TON PLOW. THE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL FLEET INCLUDES 2 HEAVY, HIGHWAY-TYPE SNOW PLOWS THAT WILL BE PLACED ON THE CITY'S HEAVILY TRAVELED, MAJOR STREETS.



SNOW EMERGENCIES

IF THE SNOWFALL CONTINUES OR IF A BUILDUP OF SNOW DEVELOPS IN PARKING LANES, ALONG CURBS AND GUTTERS, OR IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, A SNOW EMERGENCY IS CALLED. THE CITY OF WABASHA SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ALLOWS NO PARKING ON CITY STREETS WHILE THE SNOW EMERGENCY IS IN EFFECT. OR UNTIL THE ENTIRE STREET IS PLOWED CURB TO CURB.

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHERE TO
MOVE YOUR VEHICLE, CALL THE
CITY OF WABASHA
STREET DEPARTMENT
(651) 565-3404**

**WABASHA'S GOAL IS TO
MINIMIZE OR, IDEALLY
ELIMINATE TOWING.**



SNOW AND ICE CONTROL IS CONSIDERED AN EMERGENCY OPERATION WHICH MUST BE INITIATED QUICKLY AND CONTINUED ON A ROUND-THE-CLOCK BASIS. IF THE DECISION TO BEGIN A FULL-SCALE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL OPERATION IS MADE AFTER NORMAL WORKING HOURS, NECESSARY CITY OF WABASHA STAFF ARE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY. DURING THE TIME REQUIRED FOR STAFF TO REPORT, CHEMICALS OR SAND ARE APPLIED TO BRIDGE DECKS, HILLS, HIGH TRAFFIC VOLUME STREETS AND INTERSECTIONS.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST WINTER PRIORITIES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. ALMOST ALL OTHER PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS BECOME SECONDARY TO THE SNOW REMOVAL OPERATION. ALL EMPLOYEES NORMALLY ASSIGNED TO STREETS, SIDEWALKS, OR PARKS ARE RE-ASSIGNED TO SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS. ONCE A SNOW EMERGENCY IS CALLED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, CITY STAFF WORK UNTIL ALL REQUIRED CHEMICAL OR ABRASIVE CONTROL AND SNOWPLOWING OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

WHEN ARE SNOW EMERGENCIES

GENERALLY, SNOW EMERGENCIES WILL BE CALLED AFTER RECEIVING 3.0 INCHES OF SNOW AND/OR UNSAFE ICE CONDITIONS. THE MEDIA WILL BE NOTIFIED, THE 24-HOUR SNOW EMERGENCY LINE UPDATED (565-3404) AND A MESSAGE WILL BE POSTED ON LOCAL CABLE CHANNEL 6. EVERY REASONABLE ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE BEFORE TOWING BEGINS. WHEN POSSIBLE, TOWING WILL NOT START UNTIL SIX HOURS AFTER A SNOW EMERGENCY HAS BEEN CALLED.

**AVOID TOWING: FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE CITY OF WABASHA
24-HOUR SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION CALL:**

565-3404

WABASHA'S CENTRAL BUSINESS

PLOWING OPERATIONS BEGIN IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT WHEN SNOWPLOWING COMMENCES IN OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY. WHEN ACCUMULATED SNOWFALL REACHES THE POINT THAT HAULING SNOW IS INEVITABLE, THE GOAL IS TO PLOW SNOW TO THE CENTER OF THE STREET AND THEN REMOVE THE SNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND ALLEYS

RESIDENTIAL STREETS ARE PLOWED WHEN THE TOTAL SNOW ACCUMULATION EXCEEDS 3.0 INCHES. IN ADDITION TO PLOWING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, CITY STAFF ALSO APPLY ABRASIVES OR SALT TO STREETS. SAND OR SALT IS SPREAD AT PRE-PLANNED LOCATIONS SUCH AS ON STEEP HILLS AND AT DIFFICULT-TO-NEGOTIATE AREAS, SUCH AS STREET INTERSECTIONS.

THE CITY DOES NOT PLOW PRIVATE PROPERTY AND DOES NOT SHOVEL OUT RIDGES IN DRIVEWAYS BECAUSE PRIVATE PROPERTY IS NOT PART OF CITY SNOW REMOVAL.

SNOW REMOVAL IN ALLEYS IS ON THE SAME PRIORITY LEVEL AS RESIDENTIAL STREETS. GENERALLY, CHEMICALS AND ABRASIVES ARE NOT USED ON ALLEYS OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

CUL-DE-SAC AND DEAD-END

CUL-DE-SACS AND DEAD-END STREETS ARE USUALLY PLOWED WITH SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE AREA. BECAUSE OF THEIR CONFIGURATIONS, CUL-DE-SACS AND DEAD-END STREETS ARE DIFFICULT TO PLOW WITH CONVENTIONAL TRUCK-PLOWING UNITS. EQUIPMENT WITH SHORTER TURNING ABILITY ARE GENERALLY USED TO PLOW THESE STREETS. SNOW IN CUL-DE-SACS WILL BE PLOWED TO THE CENTER OF THE STREET. AFTER THE SNOW FALL HAS SUBSIDED, STAFF WILL RETURN AND HAUL THE SNOW AWAY. THIS APPROACH IS DESIGNED TO SPEED UP THE PLOWING OF CUL-DE-SACS AND MINIMIZE SNOW DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS IN THESE AREAS. CITY STAFF WORK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO PLOW ALL NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

SECTION 620.01, SUBD 3 OF THE WABASHA CITY CODE STATES THAT "ALL SNOW AND ICE REMAINING ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS IS HEREBY DECLARED TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND ALL PERSONS OWNING PROPERTY ADJACENT TO SUCH PUBLIC WALKS ARE HEREBY REQUIRED TO ABATE SUCH NUISANCE OR CAUSE THE SAME TO BE ABATED WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER SAID SNOW OR ICE HAS CEASED TO BE DEPOSITED ON SAID SIDEWALK."

IF THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT ABUTTING ANY PUBLIC SIDEWALK FAILS TO REMOVE NUISANCE WITHIN 24 HOURS, THE CITY OF WABASHA WILL REMOVE THE NUISANCE AND CHARGE THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE REMOVAL.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO REMOVE SNOW FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PLACE SNOW OR ICE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.