



Surviving the Winter Plowing Season

A little patience and a cooperative spirit are essential ingredients for getting through the winter plowing season. When we as citizens, plowing contractors, and city crews work together, we can reduce frustrations that sometimes accompany winter snowstorms. There are many things residents can do to minimize plowing-related problems for themselves and to assure that city crews do the most effective job possible.

When the snow and ice come, please note the following tips for the winter plowing season:

- Please observe the City of Watertown winter parking regulations:
 - No On-Street Parking between 2am-6am, from November 1 – April 30
 - Also, please avoid parking your car on the street anytime it is snowing. This improves plowing efficiency and safety.
- Plows work on main routes first, then secondary roads followed by side streets We require about 8 hours to clear the entire City after the snow stops.
- Snow from the bottom of the driveway should be shoveled to the right as you're facing the street. This will reduce the amount of snow being placed back into the driveway the next time a plow passes.
- Property owners are required by City Code to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice. Please do so to maintain safe travel for pedestrians.
- Residents hiring contractors for snow removal should remind the contractor about state and local laws that prohibit pushing or placing snow back into or across the street. Doing so not only creates hazards for drivers, but also makes it difficult for the city to keep the streets clean.
- If trash/recycling pickup day coincides with plowing activities, make sure your trash can and recycling bin are well behind the curb or in the driveway so the plow will not hit them.
- Don't allow children to build snow forts and tunnels in the snowbanks adjacent to the road. It can be difficult for the plow operators to see children in these situations.
- Keep basketball hoops, toys and signs away from the area between the sidewalk and curb line/edge of road. These items are hazards for plows and motorists alike.
- If you live on a corner, please notify the City if the corner sidewalk ramp area is blocked with snow.
- Residents who have experienced sod damage in the past may wish to mark their yard line with flexible stakes or lathe. This will help the plow operators avoid future damage.
- Please call, 315-785-7842 with any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation!