



SNOW REMOVAL IN THE CITY OF DUNSMUIR

- The purpose of snow removal is for emergency access, mail delivery, public commuting and commercial deliveries.
- Snow removal generally begins when 2 or more inches of snow has fallen.
- On street parking is prohibited during snow removal operations. Vehicles not moved during snow removal operations can be towed and moved to a storage area at the owner's expense. Alternative parking is available on a limited basis at South City Hall parking lot, North City Hall parking lot, and the Community Center Building parking lot at City Park.
- Residents and business operators may keep current on snow removal operations and weather predictions via television, radio or other means, and are asked to move their vehicles accordingly.

Priority of streets for snow removal

1. Downtown commercial district clean up on Dunsmuir Ave is from south of City Hall parking lot and continuing up to Spruce Street. Snow is removed from curb to curb
2. Dunsmuir Ave from south City limits to intersection with Siskiyou Ave
3. Siskiyou Ave
4. Sacramento Ave
5. Willow and Oak Streets
6. Butterfly Ave thru Gillis Ave and looping around to Scherrer Ave
7. Branstetter Ave from intersection with Sacramento Ave to intersection with Dunsmuir Ave
8. Blacksmith Hill, River Ave looping up to Stagecoach Ave and intersection with Dunsmuir Ave
9. After all priority streets have been plowed, snow plowing operations will begin on other streets.
10. Mott airport will be plowed after City streets have been plowed, usually within 48 to 72 hours after snow fall.

Cindering is done when conditions become slick or icy. Priority routes are done first followed by other streets as deemed necessary. Cindering operations stop after 2 inches or more of snow has fallen.

Sidewalks are the responsibility of adjacent property owners with the exception of the designated downtown commercial district areas. When available, the City provides an operator and snow blower to clear sidewalks and ensure safe pedestrian travel in these areas.

Designated snow storage areas are

1. Empty lot Spruce Street between Dunsmuir Ave and Shasta Ave
2. South end of 800' bridge
3. Across street from Chevron Station
4. Parking lot at Hedge Creek Falls

Helpful Hints

1. Do not shovel or snow blow snow back into street as it can create a hazard for pedestrians and drivers as well as create a liability for property owners or occupants.
2. During snow removal operations, do not allow children or pets to play on or near snow berms as they may be hard to see during snow plowing operations.
3. Sidewalk, driveway clearance is the responsibility of the property owner or occupant.
4. All vehicles, including RVs, trailers, and any nonvehicle items must be off the street during snow removal operations.
5. Snowplows will make frequent stops and back-up maneuvers. DO NOT drive your vehicle close behind a snowplow as the driver may not be able to see you and inadvertently back into you. Keep a safe 50' distance and try to keep your vehicle in view of the driver's side view mirrors.
6. Place garbage containers in your driveway right of way where they are safely out of the way.
7. During the winter months stay informed on possible weather changes via media outlets and give yourself ample time to have your vehicle removed and parked in a safe area before a snow storm begins. Remember, during snow removal operations vehicles can be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

If you have any questions regarding snow removal or vehicle parking during snow removal operations, you may receive additional information by calling City Hall at (530) 235-4822

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PARKING DURING SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

Now that snow season is upon us, the City of Dunsmuir would like to remind everyone not to park on streets or alleys when snow conditions exist and removal operations are underway.

City of Dunsmuir City Code Sections 10.04.010K and 10.12.070A require that vehicles must not be parked on streets during snow removal operations. Vehicles in violation will be cited and if not removed in a reasonable time will be cited again and towed and stored at the owner's expense.

While these areas are not intended for long term storage or storage of disabled vehicles for the winter, alternative parking is available during snow removal operations at

- South parking lot at City Hall
- North parking lot at City Hall
- Community Center building parking lot at City Park

If you have any questions regarding parking of vehicles during snow removal operations, please contact City Hall at (530) 235-4822.

Thank you for your attention to and compliance with the above.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SNOW PLOWING IN THE CITY OF DUNSMUIR

During the winter months when snow falls, the City receives many questions, concerns and complaints in regard to snow removal procedures. The following Questions and Answers were compiled to address these inquiries.

Why must snow be removed from the streets?

So that traffic flow, such as emergency vehicles, mail carriers, commercial deliveries and public commuting can continue.

When is snow plowed on City streets?

We begin plowing when the snow level reaches a depth of 3 inches, or when it becomes necessary in the interest of public safety.

How many snow plows are used by the City?

A total of five City vehicles are equipped with plows and may be used when personnel are available.

How many personnel are available to operate the plows?

The entire Public Works crew (2) and Public Utilities crew (3) and the Community Services Officer work together to clear the roadways and keep them safe.

How many miles does the City have to plow?

The City is responsible for plowing approximately 19 miles of roadway.

Why is parking not allowed on City streets during snow removal?

On street parking during snow removal conditions creates many problems:

1. Many snow storms come with little notice or at night when you are sleeping. If your vehicle is left on the street, and snow falls, it is difficult to move the vehicle into your driveway. It is much easier to park your vehicle in your driveway before the storm arrives.
2. City crews usually begin plowing very early in the morning before most people have the chance to move their vehicle from the street to their driveway. If plows are forced to go around a vehicle parked on the street, a hazard is created by narrowing the street width. If the vehicle is moved after plowing, the snow obstruction remains, which is a hazard and must still be removed. This adds time and expense to snow removal operations.
3. If the streets are allowed to become too narrow, emergency vehicle traffic may become restricted.
4. If vehicles are left on the streets, damage to vehicles and plow equipment could occur.
5. Dunsmuir City Code Sections 10.04.010K and 10.12.070A require that vehicles must not be parked on the Streets, Avenues, Alleyways or other ways during snow removal operations. Vehicles in violation will be cited and if not moved, towed and stored at owner's expense.