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CITY OF MUSCATINE DECLARES SNOW EMERGENCY

No parking on designated snow routes goes into effect at 8 p.m. Jan. 18

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The City of Muscatine Department of Public Works has declared a Snow Emergency starting at 8 p.m. tonight (Jan. 18) through 8 p.m. Saturday (Jan. 20). The Muscatine area is predicted to receive one- to four-inches of light fluffy snow starting this afternoon and continuing into the evening hours.



“Due to the amount of snow already on the streets and behind the curb, and the predictions of warmer weather and rain next week, we want to make sure that we can get snow pushed back to the curb as far as possible during this event so that catch basins will be able to take in rain water and snow melt,” Brian Stineman, Public Works Director, said.



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Public Works personnel will continue to monitor the forecast and, if snow does not develop as predicted, the snow emergency will be cancelled.

Stineman reminds residents to find off-street parking for their vehicles in order to support the snow removal efforts and to expedite the process.

Muscatine's Snow Emergency Ordinance states that on-street parking is prohibited or limited on city streets during a declared Snow Emergency. According to the revised code, when weather conditions warrant the declaration of a snow emergency, motor traffic will be expedited and parking on City of Muscatine streets will be prohibited or restricted for snow plowing and other purposes.

City Code states that during a declared snow emergency, no person shall park, or allow to remain parked, any vehicle on any portion of a Snow Emergency route.

Click on this link ([MAP](#)) to view the Snow Emergency routes. Signage marking the designated Snow Emergency routes was installed by the City of Muscatine in 2022.

Vehicle owners on residential streets should follow the alternate side parking guidelines as stated in the [PUSH BACK POLICY](#). For example, on even days Public Works plow crews will push snow back to the curb on the odd side of the street, so park on the even side of the street (according to resident's address number). On odd days, plow crews will push snow back on the even side of the street, so park on the odd side of the street.

On all streets where parking is allowed on one side only, if the permitted side (where parking is allowed) is even numbered, vehicles can park on that side only on even numbered days, and find alternative off-street parking on odd days. If the permitted side (where parking is allowed) is odd-numbered, vehicles can park on that side only on odd-numbered days, and find



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alternative off-street parking on even days.

Vehicles may be ticketed or towed if in violation of City Ordinance, or plowed around if in violation of the Push Back Policy guidelines.

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