



Important Information for Residents and Visitors About Muscatine's **SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**



Muscatine's Snow Emergency ordinance limits on-street parking during a declared Snow Emergency to allow plows to access and clear streets during extreme winter storms. This policy will have major effects on drivers who park their vehicles on the streets of Muscatine outside of the Central Business District.

Please note these policies to avoid getting a ticket and having your vehicle towed!

When will a Snow Emergency be declared?

- A Snow Emergency will be declared for the City of Muscatine when weather and road conditions merit.
- Drivers will have a minimum of 4 hours notice before enforcement begins. If declared after 8:00 p.m. the Snow Emergency will not go into effect until 8:00 a.m. the following day.
- Hours of transition between the first and second Snow Emergency days will be from midnight to 8:00 a.m. Enforcement on the second Snow Emergency day will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- Minimum duration will be 48 hours, however, the ending time and date can be amended if necessary because of weather conditions.

How can I find out if a Snow Emergency has been declared?

- Go to www.muscatineiowa.gov home page – an alert will be posted during Snow Emergencies.
- Call Public Works dedicated phone line at 563-272-2506.
- Stay tuned to local radio, newspapers, and MP&W digital TV channel 2 or 10.
- Signs will be posted at various locations in Muscatine.

“Alternate Side of Street” parking during Snow Emergency

- During a Snow Emergency, streets that normally allow parking on both sides will be subject to “alternate side of street” parking. On odd-numbered dates, parking is permitted only on the odd-numbered side of the street; on even-numbered dates, parking is permitted only on the even-numbered side.
- On streets that usually allow parking on one side only: If the side on which vehicles are usually allowed to park is even-numbered, park there on even-numbered dates; if it's on the odd side, park there on odd-numbered dates. No parking is ever allowed on the side of the street where parking is prohibited by posted sign.
- All other posted parking regulations and prohibitions remain in effect. Posted parking restrictions (such as “No Parking Anytime” or “No Parking Here to Corner” signs) always overrule Snow Emergency regulations. All other restrictions still apply – parked vehicles cannot block sidewalks, crosswalks, or driveways, or be within 10 feet of stop signs or 5 feet of fire hydrants.

What are the penalties if I don't follow the Snow Emergency parking rules?




- Vehicles in violation of the Snow Emergency regulations may be ticketed and towed. The ticket fee shall be \$35 per violation and the owner of the vehicle shall also be responsible for applicable towing and storage fees.
- Citations can be paid at City Hall.
- Any towing/storage fees will be paid directly to the towing agency before vehicle is released.

What can I do if my vehicle has been towed?

- Contact the Public Safety department, 563-263-9922 (DO NOT CALL 9-1-1) to see if your vehicle is on the impound list. You must provide your vehicle information and license plate number.

What to do in a Snow Emergency for specific parking situations in Muscatine

Remember: Posted parking prohibitions always overrule Snow Emergency regulations

Sign Type	Type of Prohibition	Snow Emergency Directions	Please Note!
	No Parking Anytime	Obey Signage – Snow Emergency does not overrule posted restriction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never Park on prohibited side. • If permitted side is even-numbered, parking is allowed on even dates; if odd-numbered, parking is allowed on odd dates.
	No Parking Here to Corner	Obey Signage – Snow Emergency does not overrule posted restriction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never Park on prohibited side.
	No Parking This Side Of Street	Obey Signage – Snow Emergency does not overrule posted restriction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never Park on prohibited side. • If permitted side is even-numbered, parking is allowed on even dates; if odd-numbered, parking is allowed on odd dates
NO SIGNS	No prohibition	Alternate “side of street” parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park on even-numbered side on even dates; odd-numbered side on odd dates.

Have a plan! Know before the snow where you will park!

- Know where you will park your vehicle when Snow Emergencies are declared
- Best option – move it to an off street parking space