

# SNOW ALERT

## — What you need to know —



A snow alert is declared if the City of Sioux Falls plans to plow all streets. At this time, parking restrictions go into effect across the city, and vehicles parked on all streets are subject to ticketing and towing by zone. Here's what you need to know about snow alerts in Sioux Falls.

**Don't Wait!  
Shovel  
Within**



SIDEWALKS MUST BE CLEARED WITHIN  
48 HOURS AFTER SNOW OR ICE ACCUMULATION.

All public sidewalks must be cleared of ice and snow within 48 hours after it snows. Don't forget about sidewalk curb ramps on corner lots and other curb cutouts. Residents are responsible for providing access from the street onto the sidewalk.

### *Get a text instead of a ticket.*

The City of Sioux Falls offers a text alert service to notify residents of snow alerts. To subscribe, text SNOWALERT to 888-777. Visit [www.siouxfalls.org/snow](http://www.siouxfalls.org/snow) for more information and to subscribe to email updates.



### *First things first.*

After 2 inches of snow has fallen (day or night, with or without a snow alert being declared), all vehicles parked on emergency snow routes are subject to ticketing and towing at the owner's expense. Emergency snow routes are posted with signs.



### *Know your zone.*

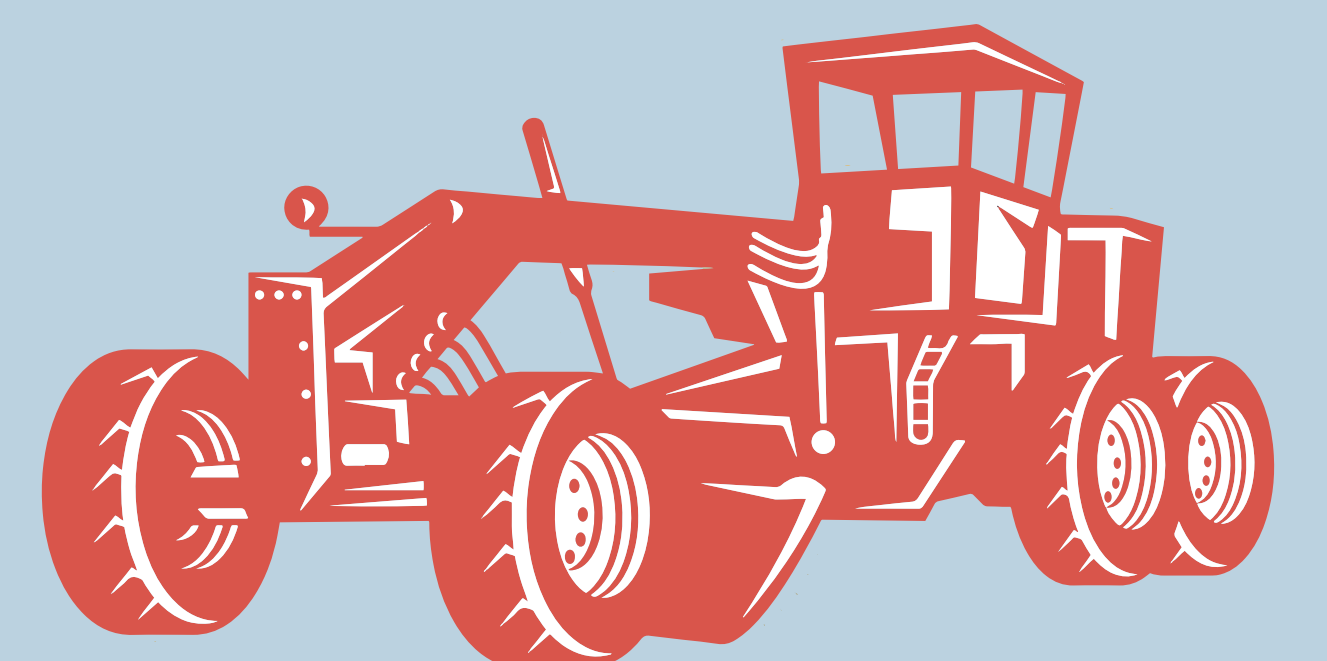
Plows enter neighborhoods after the snow has stopped falling and emergency routes are clear. Snow alert communications will include the plowing schedule based on zone. Vehicles cannot be parked legally on the street until the street has been plowed.



### *The scoop on snow gates.*

Snow gates are used citywide during snow alerts, with the exception of emergency snow routes that are three lanes or wider.

Snow gates should reduce the amount of snow deposited in driveways, but do not eliminate the potential for snow in driveways. Snow gates are NOT used to reduce snow near mailboxes, fire hydrants, or corners.



Motorgraders work in pairs. Only the second motorgrader that passes your driveway, or the one closest to the curb, will use the snow gate.

The use of snow gates may narrow roadways, especially as the winter continues, since the plows can no longer reach all the way to the curb.

The use of snow gates may be suspended during snow events in which the snow is greater or wetter than their use would be effective.

### *Know your role.*



It is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure mailboxes are accessible to mail carriers and to keep fire hydrants clear of snow and other obstructions for 3 feet in all directions.



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For more information, visit [siouxfalls.org/snow](http://siouxfalls.org/snow).