

## WINTER PARKING NOTICES.....

### Snow and Ice on Sidewalks

The owner or occupant of any premises within the City of Big Lake shall clean the sidewalks, in front of and/or beside the premises, of snow and loose or melting ice within twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of any snowfall. Whenever the owner or occupant of any premises in the City fails to clear their sidewalk within the required timeframe, the City of Big Lake will clear the sidewalk or have a contractor clear the sidewalk and bill the property owner for all costs.

### Winter Parking

Parking is not allowed on any City street or roadway between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of every year, during the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

After a snowfall of two (2) inches or more, all street in the City will be cleared of all motor vehicles for the purpose of snowplowing and /or removal, until all street are plowed.

If your vehicle should have mechanical failure and cannot be removed from the street during the required dates/times, please contact the Big Lake Police Department at 763-263-2500 and advise the officer on duty. This may help in avoiding a citation and/or your vehicle being impounded.

### Snow Season Reminders

1. Please keep in mind that property owners are responsible to clear snow around their mailbox. The City will consider making repairs to mailboxes only if the snowplow equipment “physically” hits the mailbox or post, and only if the mailbox conforms to City Ordinance installation requirements. Check your mailbox to make sure it is installed and maintained to withstand snow coming off the end of the plow. If you have any questions about the mailbox policy, or to report a damaged mailbox, please contact Big Lake Public Works Department at 763-263-2268.
2. Sod and Sprinkler Damage; To prevent damage to lawns, landscape, irrigation or other items that will get buried under the snow along the curb or edge of the road, it is recommended that residents clearly mark these areas with reflective stakes. Flexible reflective stakes are most effective placed along the curb line. Despite the plow operator’s best efforts, sod along the edge of the road occasionally may be damaged during snow removal activities. In general, if properly marked the City will repair boulevard sod damaged by a snow plow truck. The City will not be responsible for damage to irrigation systems and landscaping within the City right-of-way.
3. State and local laws 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.
4. If trash/recycling pick up 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 or possibly be tipped over.
5. Keep all toys and portable basketball hoops away from the street.
6. Residents may find it less frustrating to wait until the plow trucks have plowed their street before cleaning the end of their driveway. Keeping in mind some streets may need more than one plowing. City plows are designed to discharge snow to the sides of the road and are not capable of skipping driveways.
7. If possible when removing snow from driveway snow should be piled to the right as you are facing the street. This will reduce the amount of snow being placed back into the driveway during the next plowing. Or clear an area before the driveway so most of the snow is discharged into this cleared area.
8. The City of Big Lake does not have a bare pavement policy. The City does not guarantee bare, dry pavement conditions after each snowfall or that streets will be totally free of ice and snow or driving hazards common to Minnesota winter weather. The entire Big Lake Snow and Ice Control Policy can be reviewed on the City of Big Lake’s web site.