

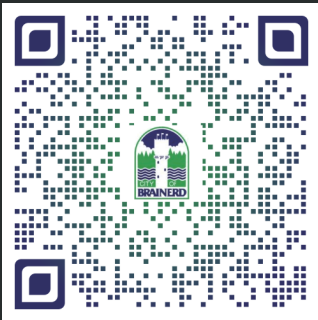


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Snow Removal and Snow Emergencies



Snow Plowing Policies

The City of Brainerd has a policy regarding snowplowing throughout the winter season. The policy is available online on the City's webpage under Engineering, then Info Sheets/Policies, then Snow Emergencies. Some of the important items to note from that policy are as follows:

- Plowing typically occurs after snowfall of two (2) inches or more. Maintenance staff will address areas where there are icy conditions or drifting as needed.
- Snow is plowed from left to right into the boulevards and areas behind the curb. On cul-de-sacs, snow is plowed to the middle to accommodate emergency vehicles.
- Priorities of snow plowing are generally as follows:
 1. Snow Emergency Routes
 2. Access routes to schools and commercial businesses
 3. Low-volume residential streets
 4. Alleys
 5. Trails and sidewalks that are City responsibility
- Snowplows are generally exempt from traffic regulations. This means that snowplows do not need to stop at stop signs or yield right-of-way to other vehicles while plowing snow. This is to ensure they can continue to keep momentum with the weight of snow in a plow and clear streets efficiently. Watch for plows and give them room!
- Damage to mailboxes are a risk of plowing snow from the street. If staff determines that the City is responsible for mailbox damage, the City will replace with a standard, non-decorative mailbox on a swing-away post.

Sidewalk Clearing Responsibilities

Property owners adjacent to sidewalks are responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalk per the City Code. If there is a trail adjacent to the property, the property owner is responsible for clearing a six (6) foot wide path. Snow from sidewalks **CANNOT** be thrown into the street as this can create a safety hazard for vehicles!



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Parking Considerations

During a snow emergency (4+ inch snowfall event), parking is banned on snow emergency routes for a period of 48 hours. On Day 1 of a snow emergency, there is no parking on all north-south streets, excluding the Downtown Special Services District. On Day 2 of a snow emergency, there is no parking on all east-west streets. Maps are available on the City's website showing which routes are Snow Emergency Routes, Day 1 and Day 2 Routes. These restrictions are detailed in City Code Section 1315.03. Subd. 01.



Snow Emergency Notifications

The City has an alert system available to notify subscribers that the City has declared a Snow Emergency. On the City's website (ci.brainerd.mn.us), under "How Do I...", then "Sign Up for Alerts", under the Alert Center portion there is a notification labeled as "City Alerts". The Alert Center can be accessed also by using the QR Code below. By subscribing to this alert (via e-mail or text), subscribers would receive notification when the City declares a Snow Emergency.

Snow Emergency declarations are also posted on the City's website (ci.brainerd.mn.us), the City's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/brainerdcity), Brainerd Dispatch paper, and 106.7 WJJY radio.

