### WHAT TO DO DURING A SNOW EMERGENCY

By ordinance, the City Council declares that a snow emergency exists when snow has accumulated to at least two inches. The snow emergency will be in effect until all snow has been cleared from city streets and parking lots.

The City will notify several media sources and provide as much advance notice to the public as possible as to when a snow emergency will be declared. **During a snow emergency, all parked vehicles must be removed from city streets and public parking lots until snow plowing operations are complete.** To ensure that you do not receive a parking ticket, please move your vehicle prior to the start time of the snow emergency and keep your vehicle off city streets until they have been completely plowed. The objective is to finish plowing within 10 hours after cessation of snow fall. •

### HOW DO I KNOW WHEN A SNOW EMERGENCY EXISTS?

To determine if a snow emergency has been declared, please do the following:

- Listen to radio stations WCLO (1230 AM), WJVL (99.9 FM) or WKPO (105.9 FM);
- Read the *Janesville Gazette*;
- Visit the City's website (www.ci.janesville.wi.us);
- Join the Snow Emergency E-mail Alert List; or
- Call the Snow Hotline (755-SNOW). Please DO NOT call 911.

### **NEED MORE INFORMATION?**

For questions or more information about any of these items or to report problems such as snow covered sidewalks or snow plow damage to mailboxes, terraces or other property, please call the Operations Department at 755-3110 during office hours.

Our staff will be courteous and thorough when answering your questions or helping you solve problems. We also welcome all citizen comments about snow removal.



### **Operations Division Physical Address:**

2200 US Highway 51 North Janesville, WI 53545

### **Operations Division Mailing Address:**

P.O. Box 5005 Janesville, WI 53547-5005

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Number: (608) 755-3110

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Web: www.ci.janesville.wi.us





# WINTER WEATHER

### **INFORMATION**



As snow season begins, several cold weather topics bring about questions from Janesville residents. Inside this brochure, you will find important information regarding snow emergencies and other winter weather subjects.

MAKING JANESVILLE'S STREETS SAFE AND CLEAR FROM SNOW



### WHERE TO PARK DURING A SNOW EMERGENCY

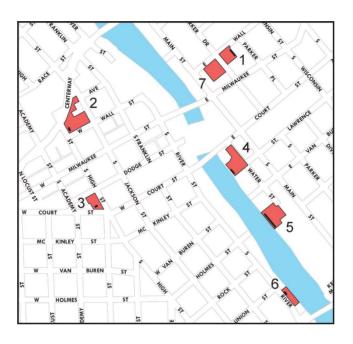
When a snow emergency exists, all parked vehicles must be removed from city streets and public parking lots until snow plowing operations are complete. The best place to park during a snow emergency is in your garage or driveway. If you are unable to park in a driveway or garage, please park in one of the designated snow emergency parking stalls. These stalls are located in seven downtown municipal parking lots. The map to the right indicates where the seven lots are located and the numbers correspond to the parking lot names listed below.

- East Wall Street Lot at East Wall Street & North Parker Drive
- Municipal Building Lot at West Wall Street & North Jackson Street
- 3. South High Street Lot at West Court Street & South High Street
- 4. Senior Center Lot at St. Lawrence Avenue & Water Street
- 5. Hedberg Public Library Lot on Water Street
- River/Union Street Lot at South River Street & Union Street
- 7. North Parker Drive Parking Ramp at North Parker Drive and East Wall Street

When you arrive at the lot, look for the signs designating the snow emergency parking stalls. The stalls are shown on the map as the black shading within each of the lots. •

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I PARK ON THE STREET DURING A SNOW EMERGENCY?

Fines for parking on the streets during a snow emergency are \$50. The Police Department may begin issuing tickets to violators before plowing operations begin. •



Pictured above are the municipal parking lots that include designated snow emergency parking stalls. The stalls are shown on the map as the black shading within each of the lots.

### COMMUNICATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

The City of Janesville has designed two additional options for residents looking for information about snow emergencies.

### **SNOW HOTLINE (755-SNOW)**

For current snow emergency information, please call the 24-Hour snow hotline, 755-SNOW. When a snow emergency is in effect, the recorded message will state the specifics of the declaration and provide reminders about parking regulations. During non-snow emergency times, the hotline will provide residents with general winter weather reminders.

#### **SNOW EMERGENCY E-MAIL ALERTS**

If you would like to receive an e-mail from the City of Janesville when a snow emergency is declared, make sure to subscribe to the Snow Emergency Alert E-mail List. Whenever a snow emergency has been declared, city staff will send an e-mail providing the details and parking regulations that are associated with the snow event. To subscribe, visit the City's website, click "I Want To..." on the right hand side of the page and click "Subscribe to an Email List." Follow the directions provided to submit your e-mail address to the list.

### OTHER WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

#### **MAILBOX DAMAGE**

Occasionally, snow plowing can result in damage to mail-boxes. The City will repair the damage or replace the mailbox according to federal and state guidelines. A standard mailbox design will be used for replacements, including replacement of decorative mailboxes. Property owners who install decorative mailboxes or materials in the public right-of-way do so at their own risk.

#### **RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Sidewalks on residential, commercial, industrial and vacant property must be cleared of snow and ice within 12 hours after a snowfall. For safety, please shovel the entire width of the

sidewalk and a large area around any nearby fire hydrants. Depositing snow from a sidewalk, driveway or driveway approach onto a city street is prohibited by city ordinance.

#### **WINTER SALTING OPERATIONS**

During the winter months you may see city crews chemically treating our City with salt. Salting operations take place on arterial & collector streets, controlled intersections in residential areas and sidewalks which abut public property. Salting is performed to prevent slippery conditions for drivers and pedestrians and is the City's primary method of managing ice and minor snow accumulations that are less than two to three inches.