Get Ready For THE SNOW

Snow plowing off of Madison Avenue by Christy Freeberg, Mankato

How a snow emergency in Mankato works:

The city of Mankato will announce when a snow emergency begins and ends. During a snow emergency there is no parking on Mankato streets so snow can be removed quickly and efficiently. The only exception is streets posted "seasonal no parking" (which only affects a small amount of Mankato streets).

How the "seasonal no parking" exception works: For people parked on "seasonal no parking" streets, move vehicles to signed side of the street until snow emergency expires. Once the snow emergency expires, return vehicles to unsigned side of the street.

Temporary parking is available at no cost in the Mankato Place and Civic Center parking ramps during snow emergencies. Parking is allowed on yards during a snow emergency.

Help us help you

- Keep sidewalks shoveled for everybody's safety. Section 6.03 of the Mankato city code says any accumulation of snow or ice on a public sidewalk is a public nuisance if not removed within 24 hours and property owners can be charged for its removal.
- Relocate vehicles parked on Mankato streets at least every 24 hours to prevent towing
- Adopt a fire hydrant to keep clear of snow. Doing so helps give firefighters efficient access in the event of a fire. Call city of Mankato staff at 507-387-8577 to adopt a fire hydrant.
- Call 311 or 507-387-8600 to report the location and license plate of a vehicle that has been parked on a city street for more than 24 hours.
- Shovels, snow blowers, sand and rock salt are all great items to have on hand during snow season. Please do not shovel or blow snow onto Mankato streets. It is a violation of city ordinance.
- Snow and ice removal can be a difficult and time-consuming job. Patience is appreciated as city staff works diligently to restore streets to normal winter driving conditions.

- Mankato's snow and ice removal workers keep a close eye on the weather. Staff's goal is to apply anti-icing to major arterials and hills before snow falls and ice forms. Anti-icing helps return streets to normal driving conditions faster and minimizes the need for overtime.

- View a video about Mankato snow emergencies at: www.mankato-mn.gov/snow-ice/page.aspx

Be one of the first to know when a snow emergency in Mankato is called.

Avoid ticketing and towing by using Mankato's communication tools:

- Subscribe to receive city news updates by email: www.mankato-mn.gov/news/email.aspx

- Sign up to receive snow emergency alerts by text message: www.mankato-mn.gov/snowalerts

- For the latest about snow emergencies call: 507-387-9001, 24-hour service

- Become a city of Mankato Facebook fan to receive notification about Mankato's snow emergency messages - Facebook.com

- Get Mankato's snow emergency messages on Twitter @MktoSnowAlerts; or other Twitter options: follow the city of Mankato @CityOfMankato, or @MktoStreets to learn about street closures, maintenance and water main breaks.

An average snow plow weighs 50,000 pounds versus a car's weight of 3,000 pounds.

For more information about street clean-up in Mankato due to snow and ice removal and snow emergencies contact city staff at 311 or 507-387-8600.
For emergency snow removal questions call 911.