



CITY OF BINGEN SNOW PLOW POLICY

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 5, 2011

A snow event is an accumulation of at least 5 inches of snow with more on the way. When there is a snow event, city crews will begin plowing city streets.

Priority streets will be plowed first and then secondary streets. Priority streets are: Steuben, Oak, South Maple, Humboldt, and Ash. All other streets are considered secondary. During heavy snowfall events, crews may have to re-plow priority streets before plowing secondary streets.

The 200 and 300 blocks of North Maple will be plowed to the center of the street. Some streets may be closed during a snow event for the safety of the public and work crews.

Please assist the public works crew in keeping the streets clear:

- *Avoid Parking on the Street – Where possible move vehicles off the street to enable public works crews to work safely and efficiently in clearing the streets.*
- *Park on the North or West Side of the Street – If parking off the street is not available please park on the west side of the street (for north/south streets) or on the north side of the street (for west/east streets).*
- *If there is more than a 1-day snow event, please move vehicles to the opposite side of the street on the second day.*
- **Blocked Driveways –** It is inevitable that driveways will be blocked during plowing operations; this cannot be avoided. The City regrets this inconvenience, but we have limited equipment and staff hours to clear City streets. Residents are responsible for clearing snow at the end of driveways. For help in removing snow from driveways and sidewalks, local contractors can be found in the Yellow Pages or through their advertising. Neighbors helping neighbors is encouraged. When shoveling, place shoveled snow behind the curb or it may end up again in the driveway.
- Do not push snow from private property or parking lots onto city streets. Snow piled in the street rather than piling it on private property creates a hazard for motorists and pedestrians, and prevents water from reaching the catch basins when the snow melts.
- Give plows and sanding trucks room to maneuver; do not follow too closely.
- Do not pass trucks when snow is being plowed or sand is being applied.
- Do not pull out into the intersection when snowplow trucks are approaching.