

CITY OF BINGEN SNOW PLOW POLICY

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A snow event is an accumulation of at least 5 inches of snow. 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.
- Parking on the Street If it is an odd day and 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 it is an even day and parking off the street is not available, please park on the east side of the street (for north/south streets) or on the south side of the street (for west/east streets).
- Please move vehicles to the opposite side of the street on second day and continue to move vehicles on subsequent days until snow is gone.
- 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 close behind.
- 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.