



Snow Emergencies

During a snowfall, residents must remove all vehicles from Hopkins city streets, parking lots, right-of-ways and the Municipal Parking Ramp. A snow emergency can be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Parking restrictions will remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb, and parking lots and the Municipal Ramp are completely plowed.

Snow depths are measured in Hopkins and may not always coincide with the snow depths reported at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Hopkins snow emergencies are announced on the **Hopkins Snow Line, 952-939-1399**. It may also be aired on Hopkins Community Cable Channel 16, Twitter and Facebook.

Local media, including KARE 11 and WCCO-TV are notified of Hopkins snow emergencies; however, the stations do not guarantee the announcement will be broadcast. When in doubt, residents should always call the Snow Line.

If a snow emergency is declared in Hopkins during the afternoon or early evening, **Public Works crews could begin plowing shortly after midnight, with enforcement of tagging and towing vehicles beginning at 9 p.m.** Snow emergencies declared after 9 p.m. could result in tagging and towing operations beginning at 8 a.m. on the following day.

To avoid being towed, residents should remove vehicles from the City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency has been declared.

Snow Emergency Parking

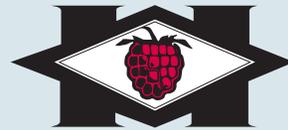
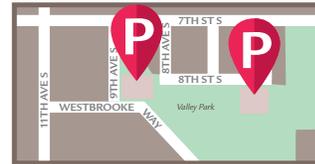
Central Hopkins

- Maetzold Field parking lot with access from 1st Street N
- Municipal Lot 300 just north of Downtown Park on 9th Avenue S
- Municipal Lot 750 just south of First Street N on 9th Avenue S



South Hopkins

- East of 9th Avenue S and north of Westbrooke Way between 9th Ave S and Nine Mile Creek
- Far east end of 8th Street S near Valley Park



City of Hopkins

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The Snow Brochure

Your guide to snow ordinances and snow emergencies in Hopkins

(also available in Spanish and Somali at www.hopkinsmn.com/488/Snow-Emergencies)

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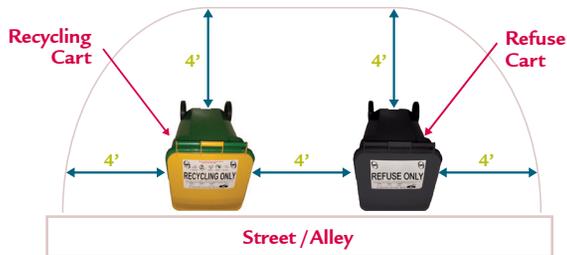


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Refuse & Recycling Container Placement

Due to snow removal procedures, refuse and recycle containers cannot be placed on the street or on the alley during the winter season. The City of Hopkins refuse and recycling collection requires a minimum clearance of 4 feet around each container. Sometimes a spot is carved out in the snow to create a pocket for the container, but this does not allow sufficient area for the automated arm on the truck to reach. Although alleys and driveways can be narrow because of snow piling up, it is even more important that the clearance around each container is maintained.



Sidewalks

During winter, it is up to the business people and residents of Hopkins to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks. Even a small snow fall (less than two inches) can pose a safety hazard for people trying to walk on the sidewalks.

Hopkins City Code Section 36-175 requires an owner and/or occupant of any property with a public sidewalk to remove snow and ice within 12 hours after a snow fall. This is necessary to ensure the safety of people using the sidewalks. This ordinance will be enforced. If snow and ice aren't cleared within 24 hours, City workers will remove it and you will be billed accordingly. Fees are set by City Council.

To report a sidewalk that needs attention, please call Public Works Supervisor Bob Conrad at 952-548-6382.



Mailboxes

Mailboxes damaged during snow removal will not be replaced by the City unless there is physical evidence that the City's snow removal vehicles caused the damage. If the City is at fault, the mailbox will be replaced with a comparable quality box. The City is also not responsible for mailboxes that have been knocked over due to the weight of snow build-up along the boulevards.



Receive snow emergency notifications on your cell phone by signing up for Rave at www.hopkinsmn.com/255/Emergency-Notification-System.

Where's My Car? Reclaiming A Towed Vehicle

Vehicles left on the streets or in public parking lots during snow emergencies may be ticketed and towed (Hopkins City Code Section 38-115 and 38-121). **If your vehicle is towed**, call Twin Cities Transport & Recovery at 651-642-1446 to confirm the location of your vehicle.

To retrieve a vehicle from the lot, you will need the following four items:

- Proof of ownership (either the title or the current registration card).
- Proof of current/valid insurance for the vehicle.
- A driver's license or state issued photo ID.
- Payments are accepted in cash and credit cards.

Minimum Towing Charges

- First day pick-up: **\$285**
- After first day, add **\$50** per day additional storage fee

Open for vehicle pick-up from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day following the snow emergency.

