



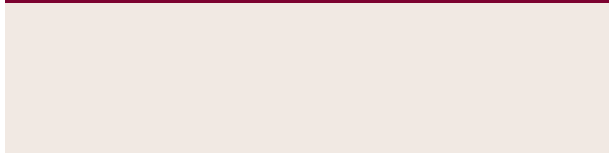
Snow Emergencies

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**, as well as aired on Hopkins Community Cable Channel 16.

Local media, including WCCO-AM radio 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 10 pm.** Snow emergencies declared after 10 pm could result in tagging and towing operations beginning at 8 am 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.



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The Snow Brochure

Your guide to snow ordinances and snow emergencies in Hopkins

Refuse & Recycling Containers

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.

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.

Sidewalks

During winter, it's 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 820.03 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 isn't cleared within 24 hours, City workers will remove it and you will be billed accordingly:

Businesses

\$2 per foot for the first 30 feet of sidewalk
 \$1 per foot for the next 30-100 feet of sidewalk
 50¢ per foot for the remaining feet of sidewalk

Residents

\$1 per foot for the first 50 feet of sidewalk
 50¢ per for the remaining feet of sidewalk

To report a sidewalk that needs attention, please call the Engineering Department at City Hall at 952-935-8474. 🍎

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 1305.31 and 1305.32).

If your vehicle has been towed, you may call the automated message system at 952-949-2385 to learn how, when and where to pick up your vehicle. Vehicles are released to the registered owners. Owners need to bring proof of ownership, proof of insurance and a valid driver's license before claiming their vehicle(s). Payment is accepted by cash, Visa or MasterCard. Personal checks will not be accepted.



The vehicle impound lot for snow emergency towing is located at Matt's Auto Service, 6282 Industrial Drive (Baker Road and Crosstown Hwy) in Eden Prairie. Customers may claim their vehicle and pay for it at the impound lot. *(If your vehicle was towed for a reason not related to snow, call 952-949-0200 for information.)*

Minimum Towing Charges

Regular towing with same day pickup.....\$110

Flatbed towing with same day pickup.....\$120

Additional daily storage.....\$ 30

Storage charges apply to the day towed and accrue daily thereafter.

Snow Emergency Parking



Central Hopkins

- Municipal Lot 300 just north of the Downtown Park on 9th Avenue South
- Maetzold Field parking lot with access from 1st Street North

South Hopkins

- East of 9th Avenue South and north of Westbrooke Way between 9th Avenue South and Nine Mile Creek



- Far east end of 8th Street South near Valley Park