

Sample Public Notice

Winter Reminders

Public Works employees are now preparing for winter and the up-coming plowing season. Now is also a good time for residents to take a look at your mailboxes and posts. Check for obvious damage such as cracked boards or posts, missing screws, etc., but also look below ground level to make sure your post is still in good condition. A rotted post will not stand up to a Minnesota winter very long, and repairs are more difficult after the ground has frozen. In addition, the Public Works department can not be responsible for mailboxes knocked down as a result of snow thrown off a plow onto a weak post.

When the snow flies, the Public Works department also asks residents to refrain from putting trash cans in or right next to the street during plow season. Snow plow drivers want to clear the streets for your safety and obstacles such as trash cans need to be out of the way.

Snow Fort Alert:

Parents- make sure your child's snow fort is set well back from the street and driveway. It is dangerous to build snow forts in the mound of snow left by plowing, since plow drivers cannot see the children in the fort.

Put Snow in its Place

_____’s Public Works department’s equipment and drivers make sure the streets of our city are as safe as any in the metro area. But we need property owners to help by blowing, shoveling, or plowing their snow onto their own property or the boulevard area adjacent to their property – not in the street. These restrictions are detailed in City ordinance 7-1-3 “Prohibited Snow and Ice Deposits.” Property owners shall not put their snow in the street because snow deposited in the street becomes compacted and can freeze into large lumps of ice on the roadway. If a truck with its plow down catches these unexpected lumps of ice, it can spin the truck around, break the plow off the truck, or send the truck out of control – all dangerous situations. Large mounds of ice on the roadway can also be a hazard for the traveling public, so please help us out by keeping it out of the street.