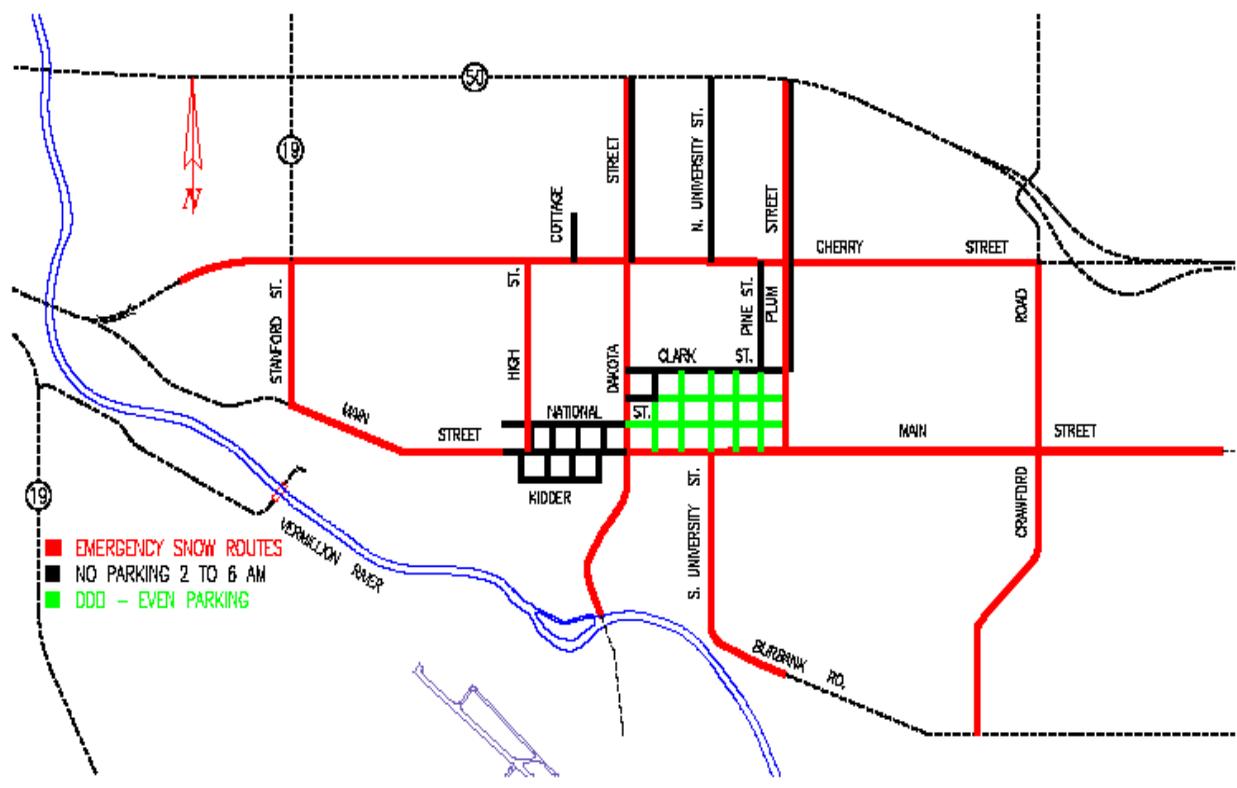


City of Vermillion Street Department

“The overall goal is to clear all streets of snow accumulation within a reasonable time after snow stops falling. But even the best removal plans cannot match the effectiveness of safe driving practices.”

S N O W C O N T R O L B R O C H U R E

The City of Vermillion takes a serious approach to the problems related to snow and ice removal. With a population of 10,000 residents, 47 miles of streets, and an average snowfall of 35 inches, our crews are ready as soon as snow is forecasted. The City has two motor-graders, two one way plows, one reversible plow, two wheel loaders, two sanders, five dump trucks, a snow blower, and a trained crew to keep Vermillion streets passable.



■ EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES
■ NO PARKING 2 TO 6 AM
■ DDD - EVEN PARKING

KEY:
EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES: _____
NO PARKING 2 A.M. - 6 A.M.: _____
ODD/EVEN STREETS: _____

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IT'S WINTER IN VERMILLION, SD...

SNOW REMOVAL PROCESS

FIRST PRIORITY EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES

Emergency snow routes are kept clean for Police, Fire and Ambulance vehicles for emergency travel. After two inches of snow has fallen, City plows begin to clear these snow routes and continue to clear until the snow ends. Any vehicle parked on a snow route, after 2 inches has fallen will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Snow Routes are to be kept clear of vehicles until snow stops falling and the final clearing is completed. (See map)

SECOND PRIORITY

NO PARKING 2 A.M. - 6 A.M.

These streets are cleared between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., this includes the Downtown area. Any vehicles parked on the street at that time will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. (See map)

ODD/EVEN STREETS

These streets are cleared between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. Any vehicle parked on the street at that time will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. (See map.)

THIRD PRIORITY

RESIDENTIAL STREETS & ALLEYS

Vermillion's network of streets will be kept open and maintained except in the case of unusual weather conditions. If heavy snow with high winds is forecast, snow removal will not begin until the snow stops. Plowing during high winds is unsafe because visibility is minimal. During these conditions, only the emergency routes will be kept passable.

In residential areas, snow removal is conducted by a two plow system. First, City motorgraders plow the center of the street. A one way plow follows behind the motorgrader and plows the remaining snow to the curb line. Both plows turn around at the end of the street and plow the other side of the street.

The advantage of the two plow system is that it reduces the blockage of driveways from two times to one and increases the efficiency of snow removal.

WHY PLOW CURB TO CURB?

When snow is allowed to accumulate in the street, the freeze-thaw cycle can be very damaging to the pavement. Safety is another factor. Many streets are bordered by parking spaces. Allowing snow to pile up in these areas can create a hazard by forcing parked cars closer and closer to traffic as subsequent storms deposit more snow. Drainage problems also occur when the gutter area is clogged by snow and ice.

EMERGENCY SNOW CONDITIONS

When weather conditions are severe enough to make most travel impossible, the City may declare an emergency ban on travel.

If a ban is issued, efforts will be made to post announcements on the City website, local cable channel 3 and local radio stations.

Anyone driving during an emergency ban on travel is subject to a fine. All vehicles on emergency snow routes will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW...

CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITIES

Residents are required, by City ordinance, to clear sidewalks (including the crossing alleys and driveways) within 24 hours after any fall of snow or freezing rain. If snow/ice is not removed, the Code Enforcement office will place a notice on your door. After 24 hours of the notice, the City will remove the snow/ice and charge the cost to the property owner.

We ask that you pile snow in your yard, not in the street. If freezing rain has fallen and your sidewalk is icy, City ordinance requires a suitable material (sand or salt) to keep sidewalks safe for pedestrian travel.

If you wish to report a hazardous sidewalk, please, call the Code Enforcement Office at 677-7089.

Remember: Residents are liable for injuries pedestrians may suffer on your sidewalk if the sidewalk has not been cleared within 24 hours after snow stops falling.



MY CAR HAS BEEN TOWED. WHERE IS IT?

If you find that your car has been towed you can call the Police Department at 677-7070 to find out where your car is.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR VERMILLION RESIDENTS

- Be patient. City crews are working to clear the streets and to make them safe for everyone.
- If snowfall is predicted, move vehicles off streets marked as Emergency Snow Routes, No Parking- 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. , or Odd/Even streets.
- Wait until both the primary and secondary plowing units have passed before cleaning driveways.
- Scoop snow away from fire hydrants on your property.
- It is a violation of City ordinance to throw or cast snow onto any street or alley.
- Expect snow plows to make unanticipated maneuvers. The amber warning lights on snow removal equipment are there to alert motorists and remind them to yield the right of way.
- When following behind snow removal equipment, stay at least 4 car lengths back so the equipment operator can see you. Operators have limited vision from inside the equipment.
- Don't travel beside snow removal equipment. Equipment can be forced sideways very easily by the force of the snow on the plow blade.

*Thank you for helping keep the
City of Vermillion's streets,
sidewalks, and residents safe!*