



IMPORTANT WINTER MAINTENANCE AND SNOW PLOWING INFORMATION

As the winter season sets in, the City of Sisters wishes to provide some information and reminders about snow plowing and sidewalk clearing. We are asking for the community to help us provide the best street maintenance and public safety as possible.

STREETS, PARKING AREAS AND ALLEYS:

- The City of Sisters is asking all residents and business owners to park vehicles off the street during a snow event, to allow our plow drivers to clear streets as wide as possible.
- Please do not put garbage cans out until the morning of collection, so that our snow plows can operate as efficiently as possible during the nighttime hours.
- When the City is plowing, snow may end up as a berm across your driveway (with significant snow it may even cover a sidewalk and/or fire hydrant). We apologize for the inconvenience. Unfortunately, this is unavoidable during times with large snow accumulation. Removal of driveway berms and clearing sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjacent resident and/or business owner.
- Snow removal in alleys and parking areas is the adjacent property owner's responsibility. The City will focus its limited resources on keeping travel lanes open. When plowing the parking area at your home or business, be mindful of storm drains. Covered drains will create unnecessary flooding. Snow mounds can also reduce visibility to adjacent streets, alleyways, and sidewalks. Please don't place snow mounds in handicap accessible parking spaces.
- Per City Ordinance No. 473, when the Public Works Department determines that it is necessary to remove snow or widen a street, temporary "No Parking" zones may be established. "No Parking" zones will be signed not less than four hours before the start of the snow removal operation.

SIDEWALKS:

Many of our neighbors rely on a clear sidewalk to get to and from work or school, or to access the school bus. When a sidewalk has not been cleared of snow and/or ice, pedestrians may be forced to walk in the road, causing a dangerous situation for both the pedestrian and the driver of a vehicle.

- City code requires every property owner or occupant to maintain the adjacent sidewalks in good repair. The property owner/occupant is responsible for snow shoveling/de-icing the adjacent sidewalks within 6 hours of daylight following the snowfall or ice event. **This includes sidewalks adjacent to an empty lot.**
- As you clear your sidewalks, remember to remove snow in the bulb-out area and all the way to the street. Please connect to your neighbor so there is no gap between your property and theirs. This will vastly improve connectivity and make for a safer town for everyone to enjoy. **Please refrain from using Ice Melt or similar products that contain salt because they can damage sidewalks. The City uses bird seed or sand as an alternative method for keeping the sidewalks safe & accessible.**

For more information please go to: www.ci.sisters.or.us. If you have any questions or comments, please call Nicole Abbenhuis/Public Works Department at (541) 323-5220.