



NEWS RELEASE

Week of October 19, 2009

November 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010

Snow Removal Ordinance In Effect

Snow Removal Operations: When severe winter weather conditions exist, Snow Removal Operations will be declared. Newton residents may phone 791-SNOW (7669) or check with the local news media (KCOB and the Newton Daily News) to find out if snow removal operations are in effect for the City of Newton.

Parking During Snow Removal Operations: When snow removal operations are declared, Newton's Snow Removal Ordinance prohibits parking, abandoning, or leaving unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley or city-owned off-street parking area between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Cars left on the streets during snow removal operations inhibit the removal of snow by our snow removal crews.

Snow Removal in the Courthouse Square Area: Residents and businesses in the Courthouse Square Area shall not park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, or alley between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. any day from November 1 to April 30.

The fine for violating any of the parking restrictions during snow removal operations is \$25.00.

A reminder for Newton property owners: City ordinance requires that business and residential property owners remove snow and ice accumulations from sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours. Property owners not complying with the ordinance are notified of the violation with a door hanger stating that if the snow is not removed within 24 hours of the notification the City may order the snow to be removed.

Residents wanting to report a sidewalk where the snow has not been properly cleared should call the Public Works Department at 792-6622.

Citizens should also be aware that it is unlawful to push snow or ice onto the street when clearing snow from private property, sidewalks or driveways.

In the Central Business District, snow may be pushed from the sidewalks onto the street next to the curb as long as it is done before the City crews have hauled snow from the Central Business District streets.