



City of  
**Burlington**

# SNOW REMOVAL

WINTER 2014-2015

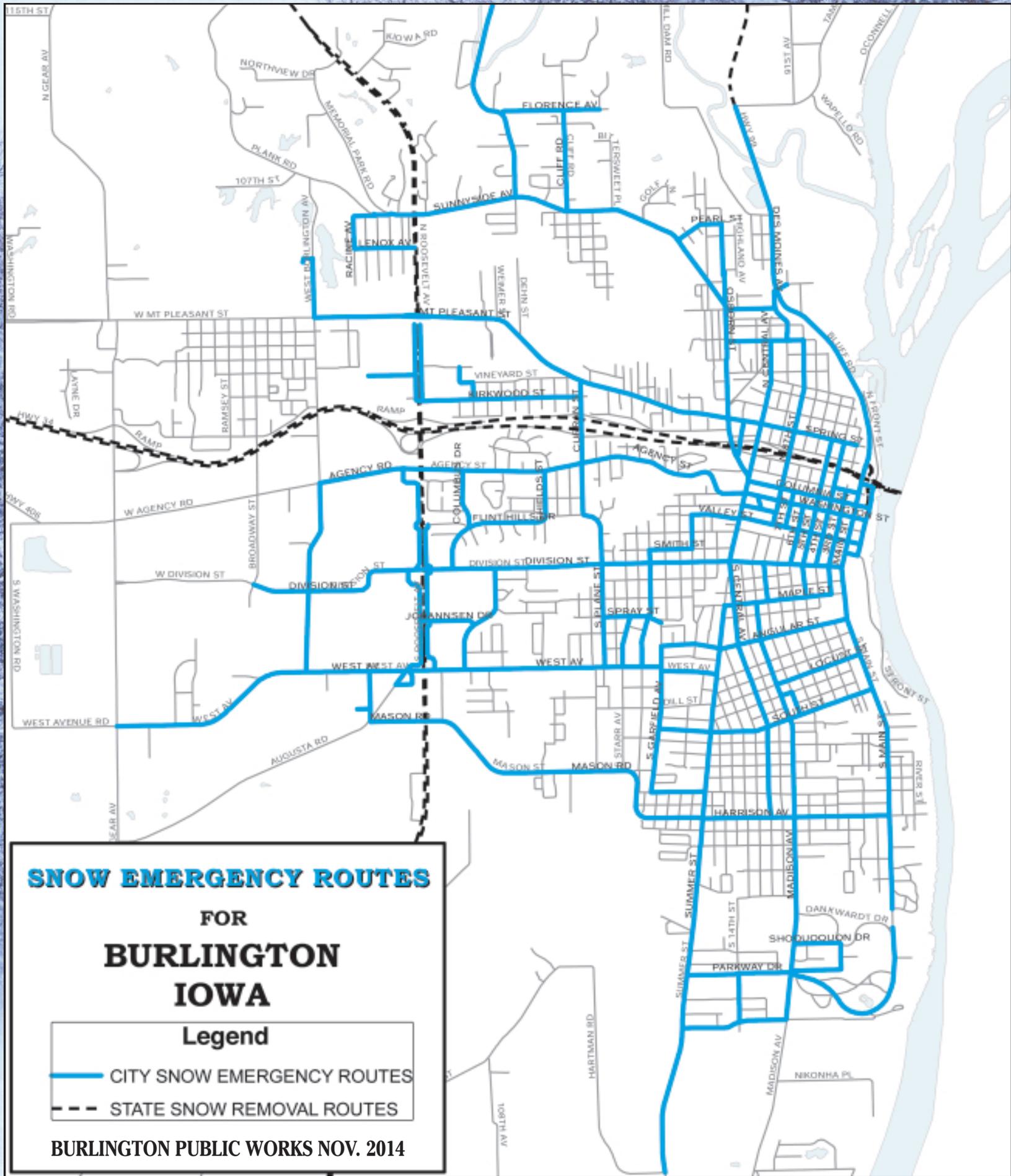
# GUIDE



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City of Burlington Employees from the Street & Sewer Division



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## From The City of Burlington Public Works Department



All Citizens, particularly those persons who live adjacent to streets designated as "Snow Routes" and/or persons who park vehicles, trailers, campers, etc., on streets designated as "Snow Routes," are advised of the City's intent to enforce the provisions of the City Code (Snow Emergency Regulations) prohibiting parking on designated "Snow Routes" during the upcoming winter season.

Upon the occurrence of a snow emergency as prescribed in City Code Sec. 79.11, a parking prohibition will go into effect along all streets designated and marked as "Snow Routes."

**An automatic parking prohibition goes into effect on posted snow routes when 2" of snow is on the ground.**

Any vehicle, camper, trailer, or container parked or placed on any snow route during a snow emergency will be subject to a \$25.00 fine for illegal parking. The illegally parked vehicle or equipment may also be towed and held until the owner pays all fines, towing and storage costs.

Citizens with questions may call **753-8119** during normal business hours.

### **Stay tuned to local radio stations for snow removal updates and information.**

#### **Policy statement...**

...describing the priorities and levels of service for snow and ice removal and/or the utilization and placement of sand, chemicals or other abrasive material on city streets and other city property and right-of-way.

This statement describes the established level of service for snow and ice management for the City of Burlington as it has developed over recent years and as it is now provided. The service level for streets is described as follows.

#### **PRIORITY #1**

Because of the special conditions which affect bridges in borderline freezing temperatures, the bridges listed below are monitored for early or rapid icing during heavy frosting conditions and treatment is initiated when needed. Monitoring is performed by Public Works department staff during normal daylight work hours, by Street Division employees on nighttime work hours, and by the Police Department at other times.

1. Sixth Street Bridge
2. Hwy. 34 overpasses at 4th, 5th, 8th, Central and Curran Streets
3. West Burlington Avenue/railroad overpass
4. Mount Pleasant Street/railroad overpass
5. Irish Ridge Rd. Bridge (Under Agreement with County)
6. Central Avenue overpass
7. Washington Street overpass
8. Highway 99 Bridge

During a snow event, after the priority #1 bridges and overpasses are taken care of, City plow operators will move to the designated "Snow Emergency Routes." Plows will open driving lanes only on posted emergency routes. When driving lanes are open on posted emergency routes, plows will begin clearing driving lanes in residential areas, returning as necessary to emergency routes to keep them passable. **Plow operators will work to keep driving lanes open during the snow event.** When the snowfall stops, plows will start to plow snow to the curb starting with the posted emergency routes, and to open narrow streets where plows couldn't get through earlier. **Residents are advised that the city will return to areas to plow snow to the curb, where it is possible to do so, after the storm stops!** Residents are encouraged to take notice and plan their dig out of cars and driveways accordingly. Some streets cannot be plowed to the curb due to parked cars and/or the narrowness of the street.

#### **GENERAL POLICY**

The Public Works Director or designee, may deviate from a higher priority street to a lower priority only upon the determination that circumstances warrant the declaration of a "**BONAFIDE EMERGENCY**" by public safety officials. Such declaration will allow the maintenance division to respond with all necessary equipment and materials to assist the emergency agency.

The Public Works Director or designee may cause repeated treatment, out of order, of streets or intersections within the priority level where they are working, or to a higher priority street, when in the judgment of the Director or Designee such re-treatment is in the public interest. Records will be maintained showing such actions.

The city encourages all drivers to avail themselves of the variety of automotive tires and accessories which can contribute greatly to their individual needs and ability to drive safely under snow and ice conditions.

#### **OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

The City's other areas of responsibility for snow and ice management are the sidewalks adjacent to City buildings and parks and municipal parking lots. These areas will receive treatment in accordance with long standing and/or newly developed policies by the appropriate city department.

During normal work hours, treatment of sidewalks adjacent to and leading into City-owned buildings occupied for governmental functions consists of removal of snow and ice and/or applications of chemicals and abrasives, and it is completed within twelve hours after snow or ice has ceased being deposited. At other times, treatment will be deferred until the next normal workday except when there is a reasonable expectation that more than an occasional pedestrian will use the sidewalks. The purpose of treatment is to provide for safe movement of pedestrian traffic by prudent persons.

Jim Ferneau  
City Manager  
11/2014

## **MUNICIPAL CODE OF BURLINGTON, IOWA**

**135.10 DUMPING OF SNOW.** It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed, or placed, any ice or snow from private or public property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley.

Citizens, commercial property and/or business owners or their agents who cause the removal of accumulations of ice and/or snow from parking lots, sales lots, driveways, sidewalks, or other locations, whether done by them or a hired snow removal contractor **MAY NOT** deposit the removed snow/ice upon a city street or alley nor may they transfer accumulations of ice/snow from private property across streets and/or place upon medians between streets and/or highways.

Hauled snow/ice **MAY NOT** be transported by truck or other means and dumped on city property without specific authority granted by the City Public Works Department.

Further information which provides relevant municipal code references and penalties may be obtained by contacting the City of Burlington Public Works Department at 3510 Division St. or by calling 753-8119.

**This notice authorized by the City Manager**



# PUBLIC WORKS **Sno-Grams**

## PARKING ON SNOW ROUTES

Citizens are reminded that an automatic parking prohibition will take effect on posted snow emergency routes when snow accumulation reaches 2 inches. Cars parked on posted emergency routes at that time will be subject to ticketing and towing. The parking prohibition will remain in effect on posted emergency routes until it is canceled by the city after the storm. The Central Business District is not included in this parking prohibition unless declared in a specific Public Service Announcement.

### If you live on a snow route . . .

Tune to your favorite radio station for the local forecast. If it is snowing or a winter storm is predicted, move your vehicles off the street. When there is a 2" accumulation, vehicles are subject to ticketing and towing. Snow routes are clearly marked with a SNOW ROUTE sign at the beginning of each block.

**Q** When does a parking prohibition take effect and where?

**A.** When an emergency is declared by the City Manager or when there is an accumulation of 2" of snow, a parking prohibition takes effect and parking is prohibited on designated snow routes.

**Q** What is the order for snow removal on city streets?

**A.** 1) Bridges/overpasses  
2) Streets designated as snow routes  
3) Secondary routes  
3) Remaining residential streets  
**If you have an emergency, as always, call 911.**

**Q** Do you have questions about snow removal?

**A.** Call the City Public Works Department during normal business hours with questions or comments concerning snow removal.  
319-753-8119

**Q** Where do I get snow removal information after hours?

**A.** Tune to your favorite local radio station for snow removal updates. Local forecasts are also broadcast on cable channel 9 and appear in The Hawk Eye.  
City website [www.burlingtoniowa.org](http://www.burlingtoniowa.org)

**Q** When will the plows be in my area?

**A.** An orderly procedure has been established for snow removal. Plow operators follow the order. Rest assured they'll be there as quickly as possible.

**Q** Can I park on posted snow routes?

**A.** Yes, if parking is normally allowed on a snow route street, but your vehicle **MUST BE REMOVED** when snow depth reaches a depth of 2" or an emergency is declared by the City Manager. Violation is subject to a \$25 fine and tow. Tune into local radio stations for snow removal updates.

**Q** I scooped my drive out and the plows came back and plowed it shut again . . . Why?

**A.** During a snow event, plows will work to keep driving lanes open. When the storm stops, **PLOWS WILL RETURN TO PUSH SNOW TO THE CURB.**

## STAY TUNED TO LOCAL RADIO STATIONS

In the event of a snow emergency, stay tuned to local radio stations for snow removal announcements. There will be a parking prohibition announced for those areas (day, date & duration) on local radio and newspaper. When the snow emergency is terminated, an announcement will also be made on local radio. Check city website for information. [www.burlingtoniowa.org](http://www.burlingtoniowa.org)



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The Burlington Public Works Dept. would like to thank all our citizens in advance for their cooperation.