



Important Information for Residents and Visitors About Muscatine's **SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**



Muscatine's Snow Emergency ordinance limits on-street parking during a declared Snow Emergency to allow plows to access and clear streets during extreme winter storms. This policy will have major effects on drivers who park their vehicles on the streets of Muscatine outside of the Central Business District.

Please note these policies to avoid receiving a ticket and having your vehicle towed!

When will a Snow Emergency be declared?

- A Snow Emergency will be declared for the City of Muscatine when weather and road conditions merit.
- Drivers will have a minimum of four (4) hours' notice before enforcement begins. If declared after 8:00 p.m. the Snow Emergency will not go into effect until 8:00 a.m. the following day.
- Minimum duration will be 48 hours; however, the ending time and date can be amended if necessary because of weather conditions.

How can I find out if a Snow Emergency has been declared?

- Go to City of Muscatine home page (www.muscatineiowa.gov) – an alert will be posted during Snow Emergencies.
- Call Public Works dedicated phone line at 563-272-2506.
- Stay tuned to local radio, newspapers, and MP&W digital TV channel 2 or 10.
- Signs will be posted at various locations in Muscatine.

Posted Snow Routes

- When a Snow Emergency is declared, there will be no parking on posted snow routes until the declaration has been lifted.

What are the penalties if I don't follow the Snow Emergency parking rules?





- Vehicles in violation of the Snow Emergency regulations may be ticketed and towed. The ticket fee shall be \$35 per violation and the owner of the vehicle shall also be responsible for applicable towing and storage fees.
- Citations can be paid at City Hall.
- Any towing/storage fees will be paid directly to the towing agency before vehicle is released.

What can I do if my vehicle has been towed?

- Contact the Public Safety department, 563-263-9922 (DO NOT CALL 9-1-1) to see if your vehicle is on the impound list. You must provide your vehicle information and license plate number.

What to do in a Snow Emergency for specific parking situations in Muscatine

Remember: Posted parking prohibitions always overrule Snow Emergency regulations

Sign Type	Type of Prohibition	Snow Emergency Directions
	No Parking During Snow Emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking prohibited on posted snow routes. • Drivers will be given at least four hours' notice to move vehicles before implementation of snow emergency declaration.
	No Parking Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obey Signage • Snow Emergency does not overrule posted restriction
	No Parking Here to Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obey Signage • Snow Emergency does not overrule posted restriction
	No Parking This Side Of Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obey Signage • Snow Emergency does not overrule posted restriction
NO SIGNS	No prohibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate "side of street" parking • Odd calendar days – odd side of street • Even calendar days – even side of street

Have a plan! Know before the snow where you will park!

- Know where you will park your vehicle when Snow Emergencies are declared
- Best option – move vehicle to an off-street parking space