

SNOW REGULATIONS

During the winter months, the City of Plano enforces a snow shoveling ordinance and parking prohibitions in the event of a snowfall.

Snow Shoveling Restrictions

Please remember that when shoveling it is unlawful to deposit snow on to City streets when removing snow from driveways and sidewalks. Violation of the Snow Shoveling Ordinance may result in a fine not to exceed \$150.00 per occurrence. (City of Plano Code 9-3-6)

Fire Hydrant Areas

When shoveling your driveway or walkway, if there is a fire hydrant in front of your house, please take the time to shovel the area around the hydrant. We appreciate your effort in helping us keep the City's property clear of snow during the winter months.

Parking Restrictions

Parking on City streets in the City of Plano is prohibited (except for emergency vehicles during emergencies) after accumulation of two inches (2") or more of snow. In addition, residents are reminded that this prohibition shall remain in effect until twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the snowfall or until such time as the public street or alley shall have been plowed, whichever event shall first occur. (City of Plano Code 10-4-2-B)

Right to Tow

Please note that the City has the right to tow any illegally parked vehicle and to assess to the owner or driver of the vehicle any and all reasonable towing charges as billed to the City.

Mailbox Damage

If damage occurs to your mailbox, only those struck directly by a snowplow are eligible for replacement. To report damage, either fill out the [online form](#) or contact the Public Works Department at 630-552-3340, within 3 days of the occurrence. Once reported, the following will occur:

1. A Public Works representative will inspect the mailbox damage within 3 business days of receiving the report and make a determination as to whether or not the mailbox was properly installed, if the material was in good condition, and if it was struck by a City vehicle. **NOTE:** The City does not repair or replace mailboxes and posts that are damaged by snow or any other object cast from the snow plow, mailboxes that lean out over the curb, or posts that are rotten at or near the base and failed due to age or other natural deterioration of such posts.
2. If it is determined that the City **is** responsible for the damage, the City will repair or replace the mailbox and/or the post with a simple standard mailbox and/or 4"x 4" post within a reasonable amount of time, weather permitting.
3. If it is determined that the City **is not** responsible for the damage, it will be the homeowner's responsibility to replace the mailbox following City requirements and [USPS standards](#). A resident may appeal the denial to the City Administrator within 3 business days of the notice of the determination.

9-3-6: DUMPING OF SNOW IN PUBLIC STREETS:

- A. The dumping, piling, pushing, or otherwise placing of measurable and significant amounts of snow in public streets and roadways within the corporate limits of the city is a safety hazard and shall be prohibited.
- B. No person or entity shall dump, pile, push or otherwise place snow onto the public streets and roadways within the city corporate limits, or authorize, direct or cause snow to be dumped, piled, pushed or otherwise placed onto the public streets and roadways within the city, or allow snow to be removed from one's premises and dumped, piled, pushed or otherwise placed onto public streets and roadways within the city except on a temporary basis while in the process of shoveling, plowing or otherwise removing snow.
- C. It is a violation of this section for any person or entity who owns, rents, or otherwise occupies or has control over any property fronting on any public street or roadway from which abutting property snow has been dumped, piled or pushed or otherwise placed, other than by municipal governmental employees in the course of their employment while plowing the public streets and roadways, to fail, or refuse to remove the snow from in front of the property within twenty-four (24) hours after receiving notice and direction to remove the snow by a city code enforcement officer, a police officer or other authorized city agent or employee.
- D. Snow which has been dumped, piled, pushed or otherwise placed onto the municipal streets and roadways of the city is significant in amount when it impedes, tends to impede, or is likely to impede the free flow of traffic over, on, onto, or entering or exiting from the paved portion of the public streets and roadways of the city.
- E. Snow shall be considered to have been dumped, piled, pushed or otherwise placed onto a public street or roadway when the snow is dumped, piled, pushed or otherwise placed in between the curbing, on streets and roadways which are curbed, or onto the paved surface of streets or roadways which are not curbed and left to remain for any period of time other than in the actual process of shoveling, plowing or removing snow.
- F. For purposes of this section, the word "snow" shall include snow, ice, slush and water in any solid or semisolid form.
- G. It shall not be a violation of this section to fail to remove snow that is left on the public streets and roadways as a result of plowing by any governmental agency; nor shall this section be read to require anyone to remove snow which has accumulated naturally in the public streets and roadways.
- H. Any person, firm or corporation violating this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Each day a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense. (Ord. 2010-2, 1-25-2010)

10-4-2: Parking During and After Snowfall:

- B. From and after the effective date hereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle, or if parked, to allow a motor vehicle to remain parked or standing in any public street or alley in the city during or after snowfall in which there is an accumulation of two inches (2") or more of snow. This prohibition shall remain in effect until twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the snowfall or until such time as the public street or alley shall have been plowed, whichever event shall first occur.