Snow Removal Information

Whenever there is a snowfall that requires the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works to begin snow plowing operations, residents should be aware of the following:

1. Village Code 60.4.2, "Parking Prohibited During and After Snowfall", requires that all vehicles must be removed from the street when there is two (2) or more inches of snow on the road. This is automatic. There is no declaration of a "Snow Emergency" necessary.

   Any vehicle on the street once two (2) inches of snow has fallen is subject to a summons for violation of this ordinance. Fines begin at $100. for the first offense and increase with each offense thereafter.

2. Once snow plowing operations begin, plowing crews will make every attempt to clear the streets of snow, from curb to curb. During a snowstorm, snow plows may need to make multiple passes on each street to insure that snow is properly removed and our streets are safe for travel. The actual number of plowing passes it takes to satisfactorily remove snow from the streets is subject to the amount of snow that has fallen, temperatures, and road conditions, therefore it is difficult to indicate in advance how many plowing passes it may take to clean streets.

3. To avoid wasting time and effort, you should not attempt to remove snow from your sidewalk or driveway aprons until *after* the snow removal crews are salting plowed streets.

   When snow plow operations have been completed, snow removal crews must salt the streets to prevent the development of ice. Once the snow removal crews are salting the streets there is little risk of driveways being plowed in again.

   If you feel that it is necessary to shovel your sidewalk or driveway apron prior to the completion of plowing operations, snow should be shoveled onto your grass, and vehicles should not be parked across the driveway apron into the street.

   If a vehicle is parked on the driveway apron and extends into the street to any degree, it prevents the plow crews from completing their work. In addition, there is also a risk of having damage caused to a vehicle either by moving snow, or by the snow plow. The owner of a vehicle parked in this manner may be subject to a "Snow Ordinance" summons because the vehicle is technically parked on the street. (Village Code 60.4.2, *"Parking Prohibited During and After*

Snowfall, see above.) In addition, state insurance regulations place the liability for damage to vehicles parked in this manner entirely on the vehicle's owner.

4. Do not shovel or use a snow blower to place snow into the street. Shoveled, pushed, or blown snow should be directed on the grass area of your property. Putting snow into the streets runs contrary to plowing efforts and may create traffic hazards. As such, doing so may result in the issuance of a Notice of Violation or a summons for violation of Village Code 44.3, "Obstructions," for placing an obstruction (snow) on a public street that may hinder, impede, delay, or interfere with the free flow of traffic.

   As a courtesy to your neighbors, you should not direct snow onto adjacent properties without your neighbor's consent, since they will also need space to put snow.

   According to lawn experts, snow placed on lawns or other unpaved areas does not harm grass. In fact, snow creates a natural insulating barrier and melting snow feeds spring growth.

5. Please clear snow from around a fire hydrant located adjacent to your property so that it will be accessible in the event of an emergency. Remember, the home you save may be your own.

6. Corner properties are responsible for clearing curb cut access. Snow should be removed from all corner curbs to allow pedestrian access to sidewalks.

The Village of Mineola thanks all residents and businesses for their observance of these snow removal guidelines and regulations. By each doing their part, our community will get through any snow emergency, and our roads will be returned to safe and passable condition quickly and efficiently. Thank you.