

**Snow Removal Guide**  
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**Snow Removal Ordinances – Brookings, SD**

**Sec. 74-211. Duty of owner or occupant.** It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant or person in possession or in charge of any lot, parcel or plat of ground fronting or abutting any sidewalk, to keep such sidewalk free and clear from snow and ice at all times. When it is impossible to clear snow and ice from a sidewalk because it is frozen to the sidewalk, the owner, occupant, or person in possession or in charge of such lot shall sprinkle or spread some suitable material upon the same to prevent the walk from becoming slippery and dangerous to travel upon.

**Sec. 74-212. City may remove.** If the owner or person in possession or in charge of any such lot, parcel or plot of ground shall fail or refuse to remove the snow or ice from such sidewalk within 48 hours of the falling of snow or the forming of ice, they city may, if practicable, remove or cause to be removed such snow or ice. The city may assess the cost of snow and ice removal against the fronting or abutting property in accordance with the provisions of this division.

**Sec. 82-464. Parking at night in business section.** It shall be unlawful for the driver or any owner of any motor vehicle, trailer, or implement, to park or leave standing, or permit to be parked or left standing, any motor vehicle, trailer or implement on Main Avenue between the railroad tracks and Sixth Street and on Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Street from Third to Fifth Avenues, on Third Avenue from Third to Sixth Street, on Fifth Avenue from Front Street to Sixth Street, and on Front street from Main Avenue to Fifth Avenue, between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:30 a.m., except that emergency vehicles shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

**Sec. 82-465. Parking prohibited during snow removal.** It shall be unlawful for the driver or owner of any motor vehicle, trailer or implement to park or leave standing or permit to be parked or left standing any motor vehicle, trailer or implement on any street, avenue, or ally in the City, except the streets mentioned in Section 82-464, after it shall be publicly declared by the City Manager or designee that such streets, avenues, or alleys will be undergoing snow removal. Parking may not be resumed until such streets have been cleaned of such snow from curb to curb. Public announcement shall include, but not be limited to, announcement on at least one local radio station of such parking ban at least four hours prior to such parking ban.

## **Vehicle Ticketing and Towing**

During the winter, one of the City's main concerns is the removal of vehicles from the streets in order to facilitate snow removal and emergency operations.

The ticketing and towing of vehicles, after a parking ban has been declared, is the only effective method for removing snow from the streets of Brookings. If vehicles are not removed, the snow surrounding them turns to ice. In addition, subsequent snowfalls will create a hazard to the traveling public, snow plow operators, and snow removal equipment. When the plow strikes this ice, it either suddenly stops the plow or forces it to skip over the obstacle.

Vehicles that are parked in violation are subject to ticketing, a \$35.00 fine, and towing at the owner's expense. Information regarding towed vehicles may be requested from the Police Department at (605) 692-2113.

## **Parking Ban Information**

"Snow Line": (605) 696-7669

Television: KDLT, KELO, KSFY, or Cable Channel 9

FM Radio: 93.7, 96.5, 102.3, 104.7, or 107.1

AM Radio: 910 or 1430

### **The following Streets are Established Emergency Snow Routes:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue ... from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Front Street
- Front Street ... from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street ... from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, excluding North side parking from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Medary Avenue ... from Highway 14 Bypass to 20<sup>th</sup> Street South, excluding West side parking from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street

No parking shall be permitted upon any portion of an Emergency Snow Route where two (2) or more inches of snow have fallen in any 24-hour period until such Emergency Snow Route has been cleaned of snow from curb to curb. Any vehicles parked upon an Emergency Snow Route shall be subject to ticketing and towing.

# **City Snow Removal Crews Need Your Help!**

## **Please following these Do's and Don'ts:**

### **DO:**

- Remove snow and ice from sidewalks and crosswalks adjoining your property within 48 hours of snowfall. If you fail to clear them, you are subject to a bill from the City to complete the work.
- Expect snowplows to make unanticipated maneuvers such as backing up and making wide turns. The amber warning lights on snow removal equipment are there to alert motorists and remind them to yield the right-of-way.
- Stay at least 70 feet (four car lengths) back when you are following behind snowplows and other snow removal equipment so the maintenance vehicle driver can see you. Remember that snowplow drivers have limited vision from inside their vehicles.
- Be patient. City crews are working to make the streets safer for everyone.
- Watch local television stations and listen to local radio stations for the most current snow removal information.
- Call the "Snow Line" (605-696-7669), or tune into Cable Channel 9 for an update about Brookings Snow Removal operations.

### **DON'T:**

- Do not shovel or blow snow from sidewalks, crosswalks, driveways, or parking lots onto public streets. It is a violation of City Ordinances.
- Do not travel beside snowplows or other snow removal equipment. They can be driven sideways very easily by the force of the snow on the plow blade.
- Do not drive through "whiteouts" caused by plowing or high crosswinds. It is easy to become disoriented and lost control of your vehicle.

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