

City of Moro

Snow Removal Policy

We all know how unpredictable the weather can be in our area. We have experienced winters (normally December, January and February) with no snow accumulation, to winters such as we've had in the past that deposited heavy snow.

The City of Moro's plan calls for the backhoe to begin trying to remove as much snow as possible when the snow depth reaches **six (6) inches** or more in the major streets. The exception to this policy will apply on roads that ODOT and the County Road Department maintain, as they will be working with less than six inches of accumulation.

- The State (ODOT) maintains Main Street, 4th Street, Emergency Services Area (Dewey and Moore Streets), and 1st Street to the Post Office.
 - During the hours between 12:00 AM and 5:00 AM when snow is present or predicted no vehicles will be allowed to park on Main Street (Hwy 97) inside the City limits to allow ODOT to plow and maintain the parking areas.
- The City will try and maintain the rest of 1st Street and all of 2nd Street to the best of its ability.

Residents need to understand the City doesn't have a "Black Pavement" policy. The City's backhoe is **NOT** a snowplow. The City will **NOT** be clearing every street in town when it snows!

During snow removal operations, the City receives complaints about plowed-in driveways. We apologize for this inconvenience and ask for patience and assistance with this problem.

Residents are responsible to maintain their sidewalks and driveways adjacent to their property. Please pile snow on your yard, not in the street. Business Owners need to remove the snow from in front of their buildings by placing it on the brick pavers section, **NOT** in the street. Also, keep clear all ADA ramps of snow.

The City will attempt to clear the snow from the storm water catch basins, which are normally located at a street corner or near an alley, so that snow melt can drain away. Because of the amount of snow, when catch basins are cleared, there will be a pile of snow at each corner near a catch basin.

Common Questions about snow removal.....

Q: *Can't the City remove the snow they put in my driveway and sidewalks?*

A: The City's primary duty is to open and keep open the main roadway system. Considering the large number of driveways, it is too costly and time consuming, and would require additional staff and equipment to perform this service.

Q: *Why are residential streets seldom plowed?*

A: With over 7 miles of streets to maintain, with limited equipment and staff, it is usually not possible to remove the snow of all the streets. We make every effort with a backhoe to get the two major streets.

Q: *Can I park my car on the street?*

A: Yes, on those streets where parking is normally allowed. However, ODOT maintains Main Street in the middle of the night, having to maneuver a snowplow in and out between parked vehicles can not only be dangerous, but one must be aware that if a car is parked on the side of the street, your car could be plowed in with a snow bank. The City will have to go around the car parked on the street and won't be responsible on making sure you can get out.