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City of Owatonna Snow Removal Reminders *Citywide parking restrictions in place November 15-March 31*

OWATONNA, Nov. 8, 2021 – Winter parking restrictions across the city will be in effect November 15 through March 31. These restrictions facilitate effective snow removal and allow crews to perform other street maintenance.

During this period, street parking is only allowed on alternating sides of the street every night between 12:01 a.m. and noon, regardless of the weather. On even-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may park on the sides of streets with even-numbered addresses. On odd-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may park on the sides of streets with odd-numbered addresses.

The City's easy-to-use [Winter Parking Map app](#) shows where to park during winter months. The app is available on the City of Owatonna's website ci.owatonna.mn.us, search for "[Public & Winter Parking](#)" or by scanning the QR code below with a smart phone.



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Vehicles parked in violation of the winter parking restrictions may be ticketed or towed.

City parking lots in the downtown area may be used for overnight parking. Watch for signs in lots stating parking restrictions.

These restrictions do not apply to streets where parking is limited to one side, cul-de-sacs with both even and odd house numbers, or streets with more restrictive parking requirements such as those in the historic downtown area. The restrictions also exclude street parking within two blocks of religious facilities for regularly scheduled weekend services, holiday services, funerals and weddings. Street parking in these areas is allowed one hour prior and one hour after the scheduled service times or events.

Each year, unavoidable damage to privately-owned mailboxes occurs during the snow removal season. Homeowners are responsible for ensuring their mailboxes are firmly attached to posts sturdy enough to withstand the snow that gets deflected from plows. Mailboxes damaged by the snow that comes from plows are the homeowner's responsibility. The City is responsible only for mailboxes damaged from coming into direct contact with the actual snow removal equipment. Additional information is available at ci.owatonna.mn.us, search for "[Mailbox and Property Damage](#)".

The City's Police and Public Works Departments are committed to using snow removal methods that utilize staff, equipment and other resources as safely and efficiently as possible and informing the community about parking restrictions to prevent the need to tow vehicles. Local business owners and residents have a responsibility to be aware of and comply with parking restrictions.

For additional information about street maintenance, winter parking restrictions or the services provided by the City of Owatonna, please visit ci.owatonna.mn.us or follow the City of Owatonna on Facebook.

The City of Owatonna is committed to providing a community where residents and businesses can thrive. Known for its strong community, education and business culture, Owatonna provides a high quality of life for its residents. Located in southeastern Minnesota, Owatonna is the county seat for Steele County and is home to several major employers.

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