



Snow Control Brochure

The City of Canton takes a serious approach to the problems related to snow and ice removal. With a population of over 3,000 residents, 29 miles of streets, and an average snowfall of 30 inches, our crews are ready as soon as snow is forecasted.

City of Canton Street Department

“The overall goal is to clear all streets of snow accumulation within a reasonable time after snow stops falling. But even the best removal plans cannot match the effectiveness of safe driving practices.”

City of Canton Mission Statement

To be a premier South Dakota city.

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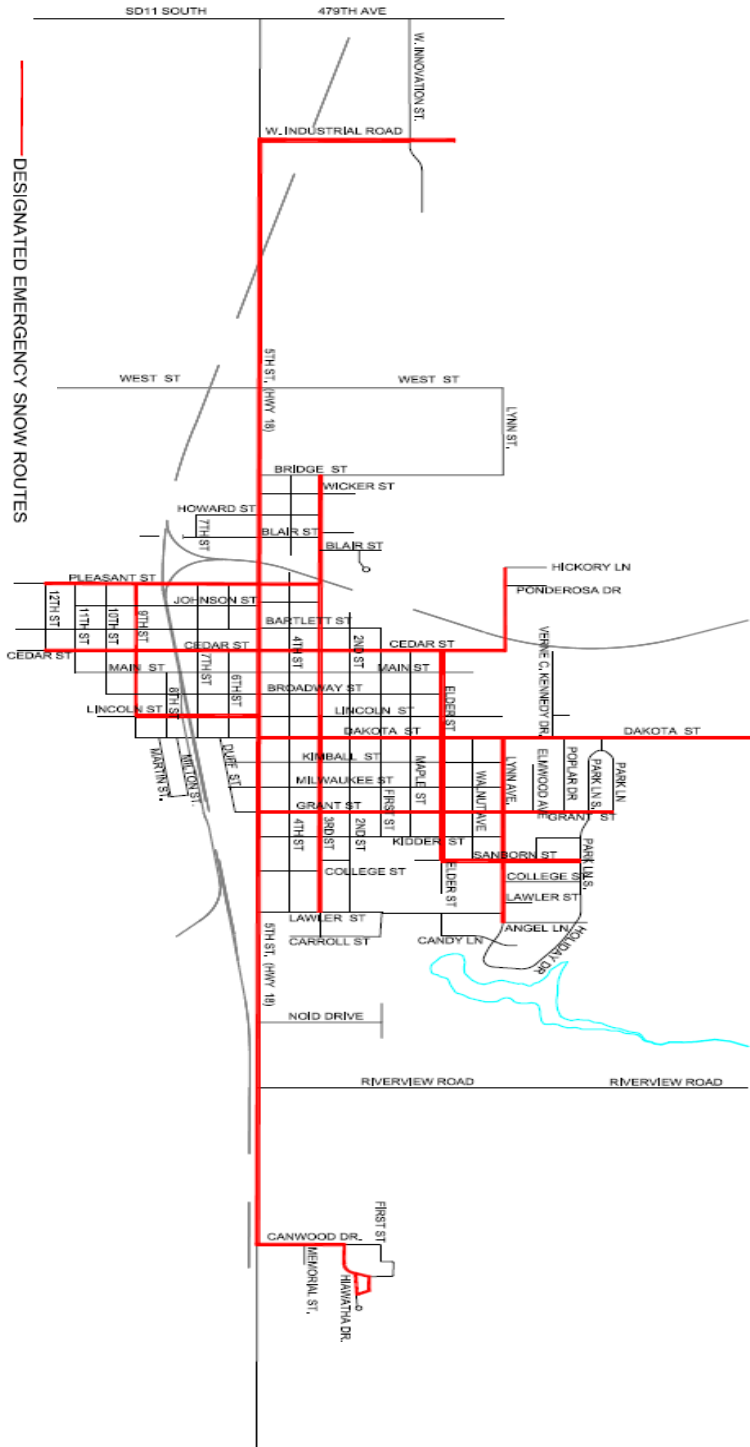
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EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES

SNOW REMOVAL PROCESS

FIRST PRIORITY EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES

Emergency snow routes are kept clean for Police, Fire, and Ambulance vehicles for emergency travel. After 2 inches of snow has fallen, City plows begin to clear these snow routes and continue to clear until the snow ends. Any vehicle parked on a snow route, once a snow emergency has been declared will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Snow routes are to be kept clear of vehicles until snow stops falling and the final clearing is completed. (see map)

City of Canton Ordinance 74.11

SECOND PRIORITY RESIDENTIAL STREETS & ALLEYS

Canton's network of streets will be kept open and maintained except in the case of unusual weather conditions. If heavy snow with high winds is forecast, snow removal will not begin until the snow stops. Plowing during high winds is unsafe because visibility is minimal. During these conditions, only the emergency routes will be kept passable.

WHY PLOW CURB TO CURB?

When snow is allowed to accumulate in the street, the freeze-thaw cycle can be very damaging to the pavement. Safety is another factor. Many streets are bordered by parking spaces. Allowing snow to pile up in these areas can create a hazard by forcing parked cars closer and closer to traffic as subsequent storms deposit more snow. Drainage problems also occur when the gutter area is clogged by snow and ice.

SNOW EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

Once the US Weather Bureau has forecasted snowfall of 2 inches or more, whenever 2 inches or more of snowfall has fallen in the city limits or when the City declares a snow emergency, no motor vehicle, trailer or other personal property is to be parked or placed on City streets.

If an alert is issued, the City will post announcements on Nixle, the City website, social media, television channels and radio stations in the Sioux Falls metropolitan area.

All vehicles on emergency snow routes will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

Parking may resume on any City street once the snow removal operations have been completed curb to curb.

City of Canton Ordinance 74.10

*Sign up for Nixle at
www.nixle.com*

CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITIES

Residents are required, by City ordinance, to clear sidewalks (including the crossing alleys and driveways) within 24 hours after any fall of snow or freezing rain. If snow/ice is not removed, a notice will be placed on your door. After 24 hours of the notice, the City will remove the snow/ice and charge the cost to the property owner.

Snow should not be deposited on any sidewalk, streets or park. It should not obstruct or interfere with the passage or vision of vehicular or pedestrian traffic. If freezing rain has fallen and you are unable to remove it from your sidewalk, a suitable material (sand or salt) should be put down to keep sidewalks safe for pedestrian travel.

If you wish to report a hazardous sidewalk, please, call Canton City Hall at **987-2881**.

Remember: Residents are liable for injuries pedestrians may suffer on your sidewalk if the sidewalk has not been cleared within 48 hours after snow or ice stops falling.

MY CAR HAS BEEN TOWED. WHERE IS IT?

If you find that your car has been towed you can call Canton City Hall at 987-2881 to find out where your car is.

PARKING TICKET FEE SCHEDULE

\$25 if paid within 72 hours
\$50 if paid after 72 hours
\$200 plus the owner will be charged with a Class 2 misdemeanor if not paid within 30 days

Tickets can be paid at Canton City Hall
210 N Dakota Street
Monday-Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM

City of Canton Ordinance 74.99

HELPFUL TIPS FOR CANTON RESIDENTS

- Be patient. City crews are working to clear the streets and to make them safe for everyone.
- If snowfall is predicted, move vehicles off streets.
- Wait until both the primary and secondary plowing units have passed before cleaning driveways.
- Scoop snow away from the fire hydrants on your property.
- It is a violation of City ordinance to throw or cast snow onto any street or alley.
- Expect snow plows to make unanticipated maneuvers. The amber warning lights on snow removal equipment are there to alert motorists and remind them to yield the right of way.
- When following behind snow removal equipment, stay at least 4 car lengths back so the equipment operator can see you. Operators have limited vision from inside the equipment.
- Don't travel beside snow removal equipment. Equipment can be forced sideways very easily by the force of the snow on the plow blade.

*Thank you for helping
keep the City of Canton's
streets, sidewalks, and
residents safe!*