
Mt. Pleasant's snow ordinance

Mount Pleasant's ordinance requires public sidewalks to be cleared promptly after snowstorms. Chapter 13, Article 4, requires snow and ice to be:

- removed from most public sidewalks 24 hours after the end of the storm
- removed from downtown public sidewalks 12 hours after the end of the storm
- treated so it is not slippery within the same time frames as above
- removed from most public sidewalks 24 hours after being deposited by street clearing crews
- removed from downtown public sidewalks 12 hours after deposited by street clearing crews



If not removed as required, the city may post a notice on the door of the property requiring snow and ice to be removed 24 hours after posting. If snow and ice are not removed/treated 24 hours after posting, the city may remove/treat it or hire a contractor to do the same.

The city will then bill the property owner for the cost plus a \$25 service charge. If the bill is not paid, it will be added to the property taxes. Alternatively, the city can issue a ticket for \$50 plus court cost.

When removing snow and ice, do not block sidewalks or views onto the streets; do not deposit in the street, in the city right-of-way, or neighboring yards' rights-of-way. ("Right-of-way" is the street and typically the area between the sidewalk and the street. If there is no sidewalk, it is a strip along the street about 10ft wide.)

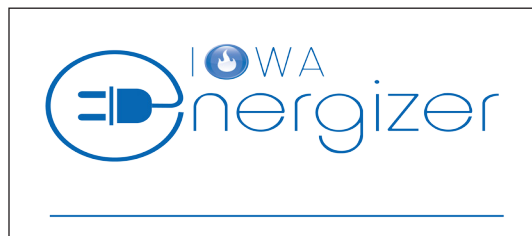
Questions may be directed to the police department (319-385-1450) or the public works department (319-385-1480). This announcement is a summary of ordinances found in Chapters 1, 13, and 22 of the City Code of Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

What to know about CO

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas produced from faulty fuel burning sources, such as a poorly operating heater or furnace.

CO can cause severe heart and brain damage, or even death, within minutes. Symptoms can mimic the flu, and can include weakness, dizziness, vomiting, and more.

Be safe this winter: Have your heating system checked and install carbon monoxide detectors in your home.



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8 Energy-saving tips for winter

Make sure your home is ready to combat the big chill of winter with these tips:

1. Switch your ceiling fan's blade rotation to push warm air down to you.
2. Open the curtains of south-facing windows during the day to capture solar heat.
3. Cover windows and sliding doors with clear plastic film to save about 14% on your heating bill.
4. Seal leaks around doors and windows and properly insulate to save up to 20% on heating bills while increasing home comfort.
5. Use exhaust fans sparingly so heated air stays indoors.
6. Install a programmable thermostat to save up to 10% on winter heating costs.
7. Clean or change furnace filters regularly. Dirty filters slow down air flow and make your system work harder to keep you warm.
8. Have a professional check out your furnace to make sure it's working correctly and efficiently.



Please update your phone number

If Mt. Pleasant Municipal Utilities needed to contact you in an emergency, would we be able to? Many people are using cell phones today, and plenty have also disconnected their land lines.

If your numbers have changed, please let us know at (319) 385-2121. This will help us reach you in the event of emergencies and planned outages or to inform you of possible leaks/problems found during monthly meter readings.

