



Winter Weather Reminders

SIDEWALKS: Per Chapter 136.03 of the West Branch Code of Ordinances, sidewalks must be cleared of all snow and ice accumulations within 24 hours after the end of a snow or ice event. If sidewalks are not cleared, the City will clear the sidewalks and bill the property owner at a rate of \$50/sidewalk plus a \$40 administration fee. Corner lots are considered two sidewalks, and would be billed accordingly. Also, please remember that snow from sidewalks or driveways may not be pushed into or across streets.

MAILBOXES AND FIRE HYDRANTS: As a courtesy, we ask residents to clear snow away from your mailboxes to allow mail carriers to deliver your mail in a safe manner. We also ask that residents please help keep snow from piling around fire hydrants. This is an important safety measure in case a fire occurs and the Fire Department needs to make a connection to a hydrant.

DUMPING OF SNOW: Per Chapter 135.12 of the West Branch Code of Ordinances, it is unlawful for any person to throw, push or place snow on the traveled portion of a street or alley.

Snow Emergencies

Snow emergencies are issued by the Public Works Director in consultation with the Police Chief and City Administrator. During a snow emergency, on-street parking is not allowed. Drivers are encouraged to find alternate parking spots before the first snow fall so that you have a place to park. Violators can be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense.

Snow emergencies will be announced via the West Branch City website at westbranchiowa.org and Facebook page. The City will also notify the West Branch Times for publication on their website, and television stations KCRG, KGAN and KWWL.