



## CITY OF SEDALIA

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# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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## City of Sedalia: Winter Storm Forecast - Emergency Snow Routes

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning including the Sedalia area from 6:00 p.m. today, Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 until midnight, Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020. With temperatures anticipated to drop rapidly after sunset this evening, the potential exists for flash freezing of any liquid on roadways and elevated surfaces. The weather forecast for the Sedalia area includes: rain, freezing rain, and icing up to two tenths of an inch and snow accumulation from 2 to 4 inches possible as a result of this storm. Refreezing of recent rainfall along with this additional precipitation is likely to result in very slippery conditions on bridges, roads and sidewalks beginning after sunset this evening and continuing through the weekend.

Should icing and significant snow accumulations occur, we encourage residents to remain home and limit travel until Street Department crews have an opportunity to clear roadways and the electric utilities have an opportunity to repair any downed power lines. For those who must travel, you are encouraged to have an extra flashlight, food and water in your vehicle in case of emergency.

Should the weather result in accumulations of ice or snow, the City will activate **EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES** to allow the designated roadways to be easily cleared for emergency and other vehicles. Parking is prohibited along Emergency Snow Routes as Street Department plows need access to clear and open the roadways. The Street Department will work to keep these designated streets as clear as possible. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping vehicles off Emergency Snow Routes. A map is available on the City's website at the following link that details which city streets are designated Emergency Snow Routes as well as those designated by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT):

[http://www.cityofsedalia.com/filestorage/11407/11562/11569/11581/417\\_2013\\_Emergency\\_Snow\\_Route\\_Map.pdf](http://www.cityofsedalia.com/filestorage/11407/11562/11569/11581/417_2013_Emergency_Snow_Route_Map.pdf).

With icy conditions forecast, the City provides the following information about railroad crossings during winter travel:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- Do not stop going up a hill or when approaching a railroad crossing, which often is on an incline.

- Increase following distances. This will help decrease the likelihood of sliding into the rear end of another vehicle, an unexpected stationary object or a train occupying a rail crossing.
- If you become stalled on a Union Pacific Railroad crossing, exit your vehicle and call Union Pacific at 800-848-8715. This phone number is also posted on blue signs at every crossing. Tell the UP representative who answers your call the crossing identification number where the vehicle is stuck, which is posted on the blue sign so they can alert any oncoming trains.

When making travel plans during the winter season, the City encourages you to check for current travel conditions at MoDOT's "Traveler Info Map" available at their website [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org). For questions about Emergency Snow Routes, please contact the Public Works Department at (660) 827-3000.

*(Attach .pdf version of Emergency Snow Route map.)*