



CITY OF SEDALIA

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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City of Sedalia: Potential for Snow Accumulation

According to the National Weather Service, Sedalia has the potential for snow accumulations of 5-8 inches beginning this afternoon Fri., Jan. 11, 2019 and continuing through Sat., Jan. 12, 2019. Should this weather system result in 2" or more of snow accumulation, the City will activate **EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES** to allow the designated roadways to be easily cleared for emergency and other vehicles.

Based upon the Winter Storm Warning issued by the National Weather Service which includes Sedalia and Pettis County, travelers need to be aware that Street Department crews plan to pretreat roadways on Friday evening. If as predicted, this winter storm begins with rain, roadway pretreatment is not effective and will not occur. Street Department crews and related large equipment will be out working throughout the night and over the weekend to ensure emergency snow routes are open to traffic, please be aware of the space needed by these vehicles to safely complete their jobs.

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 roadways within the city limits designated by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT): http://www.cityofsedalia.com/filestorage/11407/11562/11569/11581/417_2013_Emergency_Snow_Route_Map.pdf.

Additionally, Union Pacific Railroad 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 are often on an incline.
- Increase following distance 8 to 10 seconds. 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 the crossing identification number where the vehicle is stuck, also posted on the blue sign so they can alert any oncoming trains.
- For additional information regarding UP rail crossings, please phone 218-350-7771.

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. For questions about Emergency Snow Routes, please contact the Public Works Department at (660) 827-3000.

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