

City of Johnston, Iowa
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JOHNSTON'S SNOW ORDINANCE

- Johnston's snow ordinance is in effect from October through May, any time snow/ice removal is required.
- The news media is notified when there is a snow event as a reminder to residents.
- Keep in mind the following rules and regulations are intended to help city crews do a good job in clearing streets for residents and businesses, while providing a safe environment for pedestrians and vehicles.

PLOWING PRIVATE PROPERTY

The snow placed in driveways by city plows is the responsibility of the property owner to remove. The city will not plow or clear snow or ice from private property unless it must be done to allow emergency vehicles access to private property for fire, police, or EMS calls.

SNOW REMOVAL

No one may place, throw, or push snow onto city streets from private property, sidewalks or driveways. Doing so may result in a \$25 fine.

PARKING

Parking is not allowed on public streets at any time when snow/ice removal operations are in progress. Violators face a \$25 fine for each offense and the vehicle being impounded at the owner's expense.

SIDEWALKS

All sidewalks adjacent to private property are the responsibility of the property owner. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 48 hours after a snowfall. If the snow is not removed within 48 hours a citation will be issued to the property owner, a \$100 fine will be imposed, and the city has the right to remove the snow and assess the property owner \$65/hour, with a one hour minimum.

DAMAGED MAILBOXES

On occasion a mailbox can get damaged during snow removal operations. If you discover damage to your mailbox caused by a city snow plow, contact Johnston Public Works at 278-0822. If the damage was caused by a city plow, the mailbox will be repaired or a standard replacement mailbox will be provided. If a resident chooses to make repairs on their own, the city may provide reimbursement up to the cost of a standard replacement mailbox.

Holiday Closings

City offices will be closed December 23 and December 26. City offices will also be closed January 2 in observance of New Year's Day.

VISIT US ON THE WEB

www.cityofjohnston.com

MEDIACOM IS CONVERTING TO DIGITAL

Mediacom has informed the city they are switching to 100% digital programming. The switch may require subscribers to upgrade their Mediacom equipment. If you subscribe to Mediacom you can learn more about the change over by calling 855-230-2225 or visiting www.mediacomcable.com/order.

Blue Zones project

Leaders within the Johnston community have submitted a Statement of Interest to participate in the Blue Zones project. Blue Zones are geographically defined areas where people live measurably longer. The purpose of the Blue Zones project is to take what is learned from the places where people live longer and implement those changes in our community. To learn more about the Blue Zones project or pledge your support visit www.bluezonesproject.com.

Christmas Tree & Winter Yard Collection-January 2-13

Once the holidays pass, be sure to set out your Christmas tree on your garbage collection day; January 2nd or 9th (Monday collection) or January 3rd or 10th (Tuesday collection). The city provides collection of Christmas trees (be sure to remove the decorations), through Metro Waste Authority's Compost It! sticker program. Purchase a \$1.15 sticker at participating grocery and hardware stores. You can also set out brush bundles, Compost It! bags and carts these two weeks. Learn more about our solid waste, recycling, and yard waste curbside collection by visiting: www.MWAtoday.com/communities or calling (515)244-0021.

Garbage and recycling to remain on schedule during the holiday season.

Since Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on a Sunday there will be no change in the garbage and recycling collection schedule. Garbage and recycling will be collected on December 26th (for Monday collection) and December 27th (Tuesday collection). Following the New Year's holiday garbage collection will occur on January 2nd (Monday collection) and January 3rd (Tuesday collection).

Holiday Safety Tips from JPD

The holidays are fast approaching which means shopping season will be in full bloom for most people. Pre-Thanksgiving shopping, "Black Friday" and all the trips made for that special gift.

Here are some tips to keep you and gifts safe from thieves.

*If you are shopping with a cart, always keep your handbag (of any sort), in your sight. Thieves love this crime of opportunity as it may yield cash, checks, and credit cards.

*When making purchases in cash, only take enough cash out of your billfold to make the purchase. Don't display all of your cash as thieves may be watching to see how much you have.

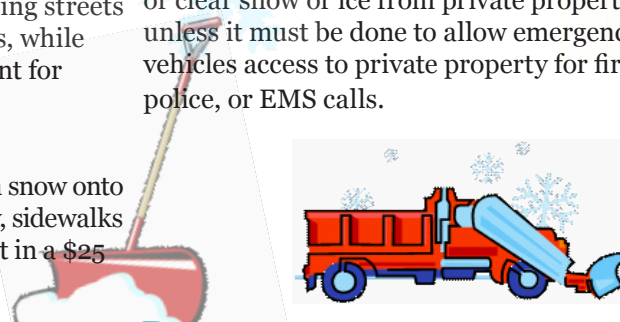
*Be aware of your surroundings when you exit stores with bags and packages. Thieves can be inclined to take them from you as you walk to your car.

* Always park in a well lit parking spot.

*If you travel from store to store and have to leave your packages in the car, place them in the trunk. If you do not have a trunk, try and cover them up so they cannot be seen.

*If you do cyber shopping, make sure you are only visiting known and reputable sites.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.



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AT THE LIBRARY



Holidays in Johnston – Don't miss this exciting community event on Saturday, December 3, from 2:30-4:30 pm at the Johnston Public Library. Santa will make his big entrance on the fire truck promptly at 2:30 and will be here to greet children of all ages. Stories, crafts, games, cookie decorating, and special music will be a part of this annual celebration. Bakers and decorators will want to be sure to enter the Gingerbread House contest as well. Bring the whole family for a great afternoon of fun! Winter

Break Special Activities – The Youth Services staff have great activities planned. Join us for Hula Hooping on December 28 and a feature movie on December 29. Check www.johnstonlibrary.com for more details and registration information.

Library Closings for Holidays – The Library will be closed on December 24 and 25. On Saturday, December 31, the Library will close at 1:00 pm and will open again on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

For more information about the city, visit our Web site - www.cityofjohnston.com or call 515-278-2344