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## Winter Weather Issue

### Street Snow Removal

#### PREPARATION

We always hope for a mild winter, but the City of Gretna works every year to be prepared for the worst. Our crews will be installing snow fence to minimize drifting in some of our more vulnerable locations in town. A new salt storage facility was just completed this fall and we have in storage several tons of salt. The crews are also working on a new system which will help the salt stay on the pavement and lower the melting temperature of salt which we plan to utilize on bridges, hills and the busiest intersections. The snowplows are being readied and our Street Foreman is updating our snow removal plans.



#### SNOW EMERGENCIES

The City of Gretna will notify the press which includes all the local television stations when a SNOW EMERGENCY called. When a SNOW EMERGENCY is called, all parked vehicles, trailers or other obstructions are to be removed from the city streets during the specified time of the SNOW EMERGENCY. This allows our crews the ability to clean the snow to the curb. Cars left on the street will be tagged and possibly towed at the owners expense. If the crews cannot push the snow to the curb, these area become icy and are almost impossible to clean later. These icy areas become traffic hazards for those traveling down the street. We ask everyone, that if you suspect a snow storm is coming, please keep your vehicles off of the street. The City wants to have a safe passable street for you, your neighbors, and the traveling public. Clean streets are also important for emergency vehicles that are trying to get to a call. For further information on this policy please go to the City's web site at [www.gretnane.org](http://www.gretnane.org). In the City Code section of the site look under Section 4-216.

The City of Gretna appreciates your cooperation!

#### SIDEWALKS

It is the responsibility of each property owner to maintain the sidewalks abutting their property including the sidewalks at the intersections. Snow removal is a part of this responsibility. Snow is to be removed within 24 hours of the end of a snow event. Make sure that the snow you remove from the sidewalk and driveway stays off the street.

## OBSTRUCTIONS

While driving your vehicle, we don't like surprises, such as a construction material laying in the street. It can cause damage to your vehicle and might force you into oncoming traffic. The City has ordinances concerning obstructions in the street, but it really comes back to common sense.

With winter coming, the biggest concern is snow being pushed or blown into the street. This causes unexpected obstructions in the street that interfere with drivers being able to drive safely down the street. We ask that you make every effort to avoid placing snow into the street.



Leaves and grass are another problem when they are in the street. Leaves and grass clippings clog storm sewer inlets and storm water lines. Build up of this material in the storm sewer system can cause street and property flooding because the lines lose capacity or are completely blocked. Please avoid raking leaves and mowing grass clippings into the street.



## Community Survey Underway



The City of Gretna was fortunate to receive a grant to help us look into the needs and uses of a new community center and library. The Steering Committee has met a couple times and is now asking for your opinion. A community survey is now available to obtain your input. You can go to the following web sites and find access to the survey or you can stop by City Hall, the Main Library, or Children's Library and pick up a copy.

[www.gretnana.org](http://www.gretnana.org)

[www.gretnapubliclibrary.org](http://www.gretnapubliclibrary.org)

## Downtown Study

**The City was notified in November that we were approved for a grant to help pay for a Downtown Study. This Study will look into several areas which include the infrastructure, buildings, streetscape, and accessibility. This study will take several months and will not start until after the holidays.**



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