Winter Ready

Snow rules, staying warm and heating help in Linn County

Bundle up, neighbor! Each town handles snow a little differently, so here are the basics. Please check your city's page before a storm, and stay warm and safe. – Kathy

Cedar Rapids

In a declared snow emergency: no parking on posted Emergency Snow Routes. On residential streets, park on the odd-address side on odd days and the even side on even days.

Clear your sidewalk and curb ramps within 24 hours of the official end of the snow event. Please don't push snow into the street. Public Works: **319-286-5802**

Marion

Winter Storm Parking starts automatically when 3 inches of snow or an ice storm is predicted: no parking on any city street. Parking isn't restricted in Uptown during normal business hours. Clear sidewalks within 36 hours. Public Works: **319-377-6367**

Hiawatha

No street parking when 3+ inches are predicted within 24 hours, or have fallen and your street isn't cleared yet. Clear sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow ends. Police: **319-393-1212**

Robins and rural roads

Robins has its own snow ordinance; check with City Hall: **319-393-0588**

County roads: no parking in the right-of-way until 48 hours after roads are plowed. Push driveway snow into the ditch, not onto the road.

Staying warm

Warming centers (libraries, city halls and more) are open during normal hours; please call ahead.

Overnight winter shelter: 1017 12th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, Nov. 15 to March 31, 4 p.m. to 8 a.m. This season's opening date is TBD.

Help with heating bills

HACAP takes energy assistance (LIHEAP) applications through April 30, 2027.

Urban Office, 1328 2nd Ave. SE: **319-366-7632**
Inn Circle, 5560 6th St. SW: **319-366-7631**
Weekdays 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.
Text: **1-272-422-2746**

Approved homes can't have heat shut off for nonpayment Nov. 1 to April 1. Other help: dial **2-1-1**.

More details and links: linnneighbors.com/winter-ready

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