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## **Village of Orland Park Public Works Department Offers Top Ten List for Snow Removal**

*Parking Prohibited On Village Streets Once Two Inches Fall*

ORLAND PARK –With winter having reared its sub-zero head in the Chicago area, the Village of Orland Park Public Works Department is releasing its **Top Ten List of Snow Tips** for village residents.

“We’ve put together our own top ten list to let Orland Park residents know what they can do to help us when it snows,” said Orland Park Public Works Director Pete Casey.

Casey continued, “The most important thing we ask is that residents be patient. All of the streets in the village will be cleared in as short a time as possible, as the storm allows.”

Orland Park’s snow removal crews plow and salt more than 200 miles of roads throughout the village. The fleet includes twenty-three village owned trucks plowing and salting pre-designated routes. Thirteen private contractors are called in to plow when more than two to three inches of snow fall. Staff from the village’s Recreation and Parks Department plow and shovel village owned properties and provide back-up for Public Works crews.

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### **ORLAND PARK PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **TOP TEN SNOW TIPS**

An integral part of combating a snowstorm is street salting. In Orland Park, first priority is given to the main streets, those with heaviest year round traffic, followed by secondary thoroughfares and cul-de-sacs. Orland Park is able to store more than 3500 tons of salt under a protective cover throughout the year.

#### **ORLAND PARK'S TOP TEN SNOW TIPS**

1. Village ordinance **prohibits parking on village streets once two inches of snow** has fallen.
2. Parked vehicles must be kept off of the streets **for ten hours** after it has stopped snowing.
3. When clearing the driveway, residents should place snow on either side of the driveway---on the lawn---and **never in a recently plowed street.**
4. Residents should keep **garbage cans and recycle bins from rolling into the street** on garbage pick up day.
5. Designate curbs with **five free stakes** available from the Public Works Department.
6. Digging from the street, **clear out hydrants** so that fire personnel can easily access them if necessary.
7. **Do not clear your driveway at the curblines until the snowplow driver has made his last curb pass in front of your residence.**
8. **Be patient.** Every storm is different with many variables. Streets may have to be plowed more than once.
9. **Communicate with the Public Works Department.** Report any ice formations on the street so that they can be salted. Clear the snow from storm sewers in front of your home so melting snow can easily drain, preventing ice patches.

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### **ORLAND PARK PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **TOP TEN SNOW TIPS**

10. Mailboxes should be kept in good repair and be placed at least one foot behind the curb to avoid damage. To ensure mail delivery, **residents must clear the snow from around their mailboxes** after the streets have been plowed.

The Village of Orland Park Public Works Department's Top Ten List is featured in a ten-minute public service announcement that is currently airing on Comcast Cable Television in Orland Park.

**"Report from Orland Park Snow Command,"** produced by the village's Media Relations Division, features narratives and visuals illustrating the Public Works Department's reminders for Orland Park residents. The PSA airs in conjunction with the village's monthly cable television show, "Orland Park Village View," which airs daily at 10:00 A.M., 4:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. on Comcast Channel 4.

"Public Works personnel are hard working, dedicated people who take great pride in the work that they do. These village employees strive to make the streets as safe as possible for the motoring public," Casey added.

While all of the snow tips are important for an effective removal campaign, Casey noted, "The biggest problem our drivers face is the number of vehicles that are parked on the street after two inches of snow has fallen."

Casey said, **"We're asking all residents, if they know that a snow storm is coming, to move parked vehicles off of the street.** This will allow snow crews to complete the plowing faster, safer and in a more efficient manner."

Further information about Orland Park's Snow Removal Program is available by calling the village's Public Works Department at 708/403-6350.