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Village of Orland Park Public Works Offers Seasonal Reminders



The Village of Orland Park Public Works Department is prepared for the snow scheduled to blanket the Chicago area.

The National Weather Service in Chicago has issued a winter weather advisory for snow, effective 6 p.m. Monday, January 5 through 6 a.m. Tuesday, January 6. The winter storm watch is no longer in effect.

"If the forecast is correct, the Orland Park area could get anywhere from two to five inches of snow overnight Monday," said Director of Infrastructure Maintenance John Ingram. "This will be coupled with wind chills of 15 to 30 below zero," he added. "We are sharing the village's snow tips and reminding everyone to be aware of the dangerous weather, checking on their neighbors who may need help," he said.

Parking on village streets is prohibited once two inches of snow fall. Parked vehicles must be kept off the street for 10 hours after it snows, enabling plowing crews to make clear passes.

Residents should never push shoveled snow into the street and always to the lawn or parkway. "This is a huge problem every year," Ingram said. "People may think that the plows will come through and clear the snow that residents push to the street but this is not the case. Snow that's pushed to the street becomes packed and frozen and creates a serious hazard at the end of the residents' driveways. Always snow blow or push shoveled snow to the lawn --- always," he emphasized.

Plowing crews are on call for snow removal as staff monitors the start of the snow fall and its accumulations.

Orland Park's other snow tips include keeping trash totes behind the curbline to prevent them from rolling into the street. Residents who are physically able are asked to clear a path to fire hydrants from the street, clearing a three foot perimeter around the hydrant so firefighters can access it quickly and easily in an emergency.

"We appreciated everyone's cooperation during last year's snow events, one of the worst winters we saw in a long time," Ingram said. "The village's crews take their jobs very seriously and do all that they can to make Orland Park streets safe and accessible each time it snows," he said.

The village's contracted waste hauler, Waste Management, will pick up live Christmas trees and wreaths, completely cleared of decorations, on regular trash days during the first two weeks of January. Trees taller than five feet must be cut to four foot lengths.

The Orland Park Police Department at 15100 South Ravinia Avenue is the village's designated warming center.

The Village of Orland Park shares weather updates and snow reminders through the local media, on its website at orlandpark.org, its Facebook page at [Facebook.com/VillageofOrlandPark](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofOrlandPark) and via its Twitter feed at twitter.com/VillageOrlandPk.