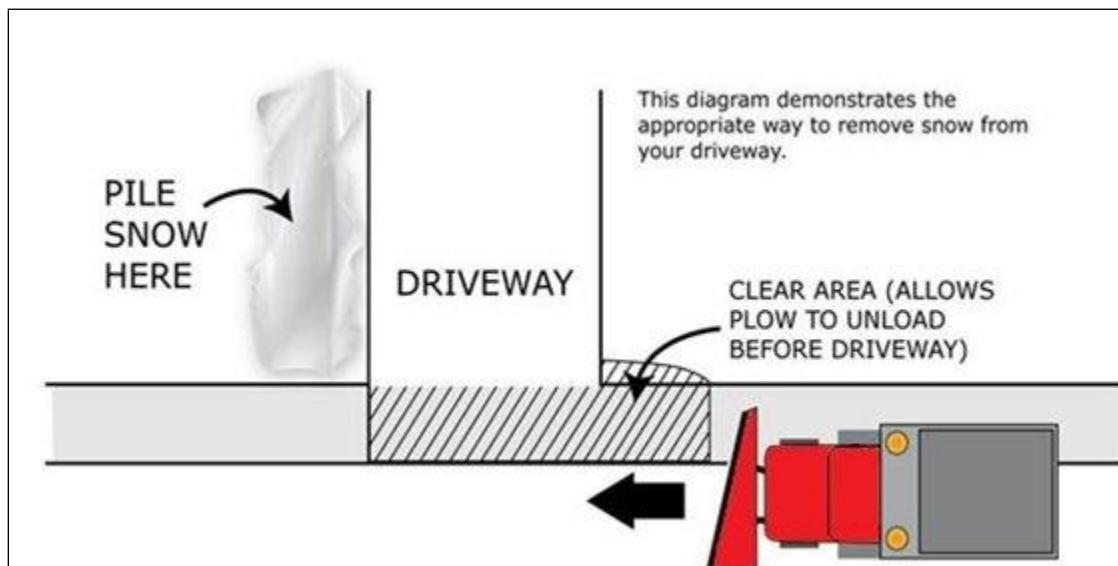


Valparaiso Encourages Residents to Prepare for Snow

To prepare for the predicted snowfall over the next several days, the City of Valparaiso is reminding residents of snow procedures. "Our department's priority is to provide the safest city streets possible for emergency personnel and residents to travel during the snow event. We ask for the public's support and patience when we work to clear the city," said Nate McGinley, Public Works Director.

Public Works asks the community to keep in mind the following:

- Per City ordinance, please remove vehicles from City streets when there is two (2) or more inches of snow. (This is an ordinance violation and can result in a fine if ticketed, or your vehicle being towed.) It is nearly impossible to remove snow from the streets when vehicles are lining the curb. Please park vehicles in garages, driveways, or parking lots until the streets are cleared of snow.
- Per City ordinance, please do not push snow into the roads for your safety and the safety of others. The plowing process inevitably results in some snow being pushed back into already cleared driveways. (Please note, that Public Works will not remove snow from driveway entrances.) To reduce the chance of this happening and creating more work for residents, Public Works recommends that residents clear an open area to the left of your driveway (as you look at the street from your door). This open area gives the street snow a place to land without blocking driveways. Please see the diagram below for more information:



- Main thoroughfares and emergency routes will be cleared first and focused on in overnight hours. Side streets, neighborhoods, and cul-de-sacs will be cleared once the emergency routes are safe to travel. With more than 160 lane miles of

roads to plow, the process takes time. Public Works appreciates the community's patience as they work to plow the streets.

- Keep an eye on neighbors, particularly seniors and others who may have difficulty clearing snow or accessing help. The Valparaiso Police Department offers a Contact Assistance Referral Program (CARE) to check on residents with special needs when the weather is severe. To register yourself or a loved one, contact the Valparaiso Police Department at 219-462-2135.