



CITY OF SEDALIA

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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City of Sedalia: Potential for Wintery Mix

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory including the Sedalia area. With temperatures anticipated to drop rapidly this morning, the potential exists for freezing rain between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. and for patchy blowing snow after 5 p.m. The Sedalia area may receive freezing rain, sleet, or ice as a result of this storm as temperatures rapidly fall to below freezing. Refreezing of recent rainfall along with this additional light icing is likely to result in very slippery conditions on bridges, roads and sidewalks beginning today and continuing into tomorrow. Should icing occur, we encourage residents to remain home and limit travel until Street Department crews have an opportunity to clear roadways and the electric utilities have an opportunity to repair any downed power lines.

Should the weather result in accumulations of ice or snow, the City will activate **EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES** to allow the designated roadways to be easily cleared for emergency and other vehicles. Parking is prohibited along Emergency Snow Routes as Street Department plows need access to clear and open the roadways. The Street Department will work to keep these designated streets as clear as possible. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping vehicles off Emergency Snow Routes. A map is available on the City's website at the following link that details which city streets are designated Emergency Snow Routes as well as those designated by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT):

http://www.cityofsedalia.com/filestorage/11407/11562/11569/11581/417_2013_Emergency_Snow_Route_Map.pdf.

In coordination with Union Pacific Railroad, the City provides the following information about railroad crossings during winter travel:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- Do not stop going up a hill or when approaching a railroad crossing, which often is on an incline.
- Increase following distance 8 to 10 seconds. This will help decrease the likelihood of sliding into the rear end of another vehicle, an unexpected stationary object or a train occupying a rail crossing.

- If you become stalled on a Union Pacific Railroad crossing, exit your vehicle and call Union Pacific at 800-848-8715. This phone number is also posted on blue signs at every crossing. Tell the UP representative who answers the crossing identification number where the vehicle is stuck, also posted on the blue sign so they can alert any oncoming trains.
- For additional information regarding UP rail crossings, please contact Jeff DeGraff via e-mail at jdegraff@up.com or phone at 218-350-7771 or Kristen South via e-mail at kmsouth@up.com or phone at 402-544-3435.

When making travel plans during the winter season, the City encourages you to check for current travel conditions at MoDOT's "Traveler Info Map" available at their website www.modot.org. For questions about Emergency Snow Routes, please contact the Public Works Department at (660) 827-3000.

(Attach .pdf version of Emergency Snow Route map.)