

February 2024 Newsletter



Recycling Dates: February 1st, 15th & 29th

Trash: Every Wednesday

Recycling: Every other Thursday

*For a regularly updated recyclable and non-recyclable items list, visit: www.nwialandfill.com/recycle



Thank You

Sanborn Municipal Utilities would like to thank everyone for their efforts in providing us with current **CONTACT INFORMATION**. We had many responses! However, we would like to continue to collect the needed information if you have not done so already.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?

We are working to update our customer database in order to better serve you. There are often times when we need to communicate with our customers – whether it be related to your utility services or other important announcements from the City of Sanborn. We are also nearing completion on initial testing with our software to begin offering enhanced options of communication, including emailing your monthly utility bill(s).

Please complete the **CONTACT INFORMATION** on the top portion of your utility bill and return it to our office.

You may also call us or email Michelle Vos – utilityclerk@sanborniowa.gov

We will send additional updates as they are available and continue to request contact information in order to implement changes as soon as possible.



On-Call Numbers

Just a reminder that if you need to contact the City outside of normal working hours please use the following numbers:

(712) 930-5444 – Gas, Water & Sewer

(712) 930-5222 – Electric



WINTER PARKING / SNOW REMOVAL

69.13

No person shall park or permit to be parked a vehicle, including no self-propelled vehicles, on any street from November 1 through March 31 of the following year between the hours of two o'clock (2:00) am and six o'clock (6:00) am of each day and until the snow removal operations have been completed and the snow has been plowed from said street, alley or parking area, except that this provision shall not apply to vehicles parked immediately adjacent upon the place of employment of the operator thereof, and said operator is then engaged in such employment and except disabled vehicles and emergency vehicles.

136.03

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within a reasonable time after a snow fall. If not, the City may remove it and assess the cost against your property taxes.

135.12

No pushing, blowing, or shoveling of snow from private property, sidewalks or driveways into the street or alley.



Q: Which Groundhog is the more accurate forecaster?

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Winter Safety Tips:

Drive Safely:

- Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions.
- Steer in the direction of a skid, so when your wheels regain traction, you don't have to overcorrect to stay in your lane.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- Increase your following distance to 8 to 10 seconds.
- If possible, don't stop when going uphill.
- If visibility is severely limited due to a whiteout, pull off the road to a safe place and do not drive until conditions improve. Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency. Limited visibility means other vehicles can't see yours on the shoulder.

Prepare Your Car:

- Check your tires and replace them with all-weather or snow tires, if necessary.
- Keep your gas tank full to prevent ice from getting in the tank and fuel lines.
- Use wintertime fluid in your windshield washer.
- Make an emergency kit to keep in your car. Include water, snacks, first-aid kit, blankets, flashlight, extra batteries, portable cell phone charger, and emergency flares.

Avoid Snow Removal Injuries:

- Do not shovel after eating or while smoking.
- Take it slow and stretch before you begin.
- Shovel only fresh, powdery snow; it's lighter.
- Push the snow rather than lifting it.
- If you do lift it, use a small shovel, or only partially fill the shovel.
- Lift with your legs, not your back
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion.
- Know the signs of a heart attack and stop immediately and call 911 if you're experiencing any of them, every minute counts.

Prevent Falls This Winter:

- **Choose the right shoe.** Shoes and boots need to fit properly and have soles with good traction. Snow boots or hiking boots will provide the best protection for the worst type of weather.
- **Leave early.** Falls are more likely to happen when you're in a rush. Allow yourself plenty of time to get to where you're going.

- **Walk like a penguin.** Take short steps and walk as flat-footed as possible on icy or slippery ground.
- **Keep your hands free.** You'll need them to help you balance, so avoid carrying heavy loads and keep those hands out of your pockets.
- **Remove snow and ice from walkways frequently.** Don't wait for it to melt. Apply ice melt and ask for help if you need it.
- **Keep the lights on.** If you have exterior lights on your home, use them to help see where you're walking at night.
- **Advocate for your safety.** If the entrances or sidewalks do not look safe outside of a business or a local venue, speak up and let someone know.

2024 Camping Rates

Camping rates per number of consecutive nights:

Number of Nights:

1-10 nights = \$25.00/night

11-30 nights = \$23.00/night

31+ nights = \$20.00/night



Payment for the entire stay is expected to be paid on the night of arrival.

No refunds will be given for leaving before your planned date of departure.

Campground will be open April 15th to November 1st (Weather Permitting)



A: Staten Island Chuck... According to the Staten Island Zoo Board & Stormfax Weather Almanac, Staten Island Chuck has an 80% accuracy rate, whereas Punxsutawney Phil has an accuracy rate of only 39%.