

Did you Snow?

- The City of Kansas City, Mo., plows about 6,400 lane miles of pavement in its street system?
- Street plowing commences when the snow is three inches or more deep, or heavy slush develops. All streets are cleaned from curb to curb if the accumulated snow fall amount is less than six inches. If the snow fall exceeds this amount, then the streets will be cleared one plow width in each direction.
- In the event of severe snow, the City Manager may declare a Phase 1 or Phase 2 snow emergency. Phase 1 identifies a driving emergency, in which driving is prohibited for vehicles without snow tires or tire chains. Phase 2 identifies a parking emergency, during which any vehicle parked on a snow route must be removed within two hours. Citations can be issued to motorists who do not heed emergency conditions.
- Avoid parking on City streets when it snows, but if you must use the north or west side of the street so snow removal crews can do their job. If vehicles are parked on both sides of a narrow street, it may not leave enough space for a snowplow, and that street might get skipped.
- Avoid driving during snow events, but if you must go out, keep water and blankets or an extra coat in your car for warmth, and keep the gas tank *full*
- Keep a snow shovel in your trunk. You never know when you might need one during your travels.
- Make sure your car has a spare tire, a flashlight, de-icer, an ice scraper and maybe some salt if your tires can't get traction.
- The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) plows highways. Many streets in Kansas City are actually part of the highway system and plowing for them is MoDOT's responsibility. A few of these streets are Bannister Road, Noland Road, **Vivion Road**, **Antioch Road** and part of Independence Avenue.