

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THE CITY OF LAKOTA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER. LAKOTA ELECTED OFFICIALS: BRAD HOOEY MAYOR; COUNCIL MEMBERS: JIM VASICHEK, DENNIS MATTERN, BILL SOLBERG, DENNIS FAHEY, DAN FERGUSON, & JOSH NELSON



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 2: Regular City Council meeting at City Hall @ 6pm**
- December 7: HolidayFest in Lakota**
- December 24: Christmas Eve -City Office Closing at 12:00**
- December 25: Christmas - City Office Closed**
- January 1: City Offices closed –New Years Holiday**



## Holiday Open House

The City of Lakota & Lakota Municipal Utilities would like to extend an invitation to all Lakota residents to join us celebrating the holiday! Please join us December 20th during business hours to enjoy a free giveaway and a special treat. The open house will take place during office hours of 8am - 3:30pm.

## Holiday Light Display Contest

Sponsored by: City of Lakota – Economic Development

To stimulate and enhance a sense of community by rewarding residents who go above-and-beyond in decorating their home for the winter holiday season.

All homes with a Lakota address are welcome to participate. Homeowners must be registered or “nominated” by an admirer in order to be judged. Entry forms can be found at the city hall.

All entries must be received by 3:00pm, December 14th and must be within city limits. Have your lights on as soon as it’s dark. Winners will be announced at a later time.

### Lots of categories – Lots of Prizes!

**Clark W. Griswold** - Excessive use of outdoor lighting and decoration

**Inside-Out** – Indoor displays that are visible

**Nostalgic** – Light display that captures the classic Christmas motif

**Creative Use of Lights** – One style or color, and/or Synchronized lights.

**Business** – Best window display or creative use of lights

Winners of each category will win bragging rights in Lakota with a designated yard sign and \$100 in Lakota Bucks.



## Lakota Alert Messaging System

As we approach the winter months, please take the time to sign up to receive alerts from the City of Lakota via text message. Alerts will be sent out in emergency situations and we will include any snow removal updates we may have.

We want to better serve you, especially and this way we can communicate to you instantly.

You can subscribe to the system any time. Please utilize the QR Code or sign up at <https://tapit.us/dPP5Jc>



## FUEL ASSISTANCE

Heating Assistance is available through the Nelson County Social Service office for those who qualify. Eligibility is based on income, assets, and obligations to pay. Please contact the Nelson County Social Service office at 247-2945 for further information.



# City of Lakota

## Snow Removal Policy

1. With a normal snow fall (1" to 6", with little winds) it will take approximately 6 to 8 hours, to completely open all streets in the city.
2. With a heavier snow fall (4" and up, with heavy winds) it will take approximately 10 to 12 hours, to have all streets opened completely. It could take up to 48 hours to have all clean up done.
3. Snow removal will start as soon as possible, as determined by the Public Works Department. Work can start at any time of the day or night, and will continue until completed. Snow removal will not start when the State or County has no travel posted or until the storm is winding down. The Public Works Department is on call when snow removal equipment is needed in an emergency.
4. As soon as all streets are cleared, the sand trucks will start sanding the main street intersections as needed.

### Procedure Manual

The policy statement covers most snow removal operations, keep in mind that there may be cases where excessive amounts of snow may already be on the ground, severely complicating plowing operations. If this is the case, snow removal may take longer than average, also there may be isolated areas that may take considerably longer to clear. This is an approximation, as far as timing is concerned with clearing the streets. As with any mechanical equipment, breakdowns can and do occur and may delay the time snow removal operations take. The weather in this part of the country can be hard to forecast so snow removal on weekends and holidays may take longer than normal.

Priorities of snow removal are a plow truck and a pay loader starting at the same time. In the event that a snow storm is severe enough, that the plows can't keep the emergency routes opened, the Public Works Department may determine to pull the plows until it lets up. If the county or state has closed roads and/or pulls their snow removal equipment in our area, The City of Lakota Snow Removal Employees will also be pulled. The information will be passed on to the public, through local radio stations and on the website.

### Priorities as follows:

The first roads to be opened up will be the **Snow Emergency Routes** as follows:

Main Street

2<sup>nd</sup> Street East

E Avenue

Once the emergency routes are open the following will be done:

Avenues

Streets

Fire Hall

Airport



### Clearing Sidewalks

The City of Lakota requires that owners and occupants of properties that have a sidewalk/walking path must clear the sidewalk of snow and ice, and shall after every snowfall clear the snow from the sidewalk within 24 hours. Violators may be cited or the City of Lakota may clear the sidewalk at the property owner's expense.

**A reminder that if streets have been cleaned please refrain from blowing, shoveling or pushing snow into the streets.**