



CITY OF SOMERVILLE

The city's snow emergency policy is designed to keep streets open for emergency travel during snow events and to keep streets safe and passable once the weather has lifted.

This can be a difficult challenge in a city as densely populated as Somerville, but failure to enforce snow emergency rules can lead to impassable streets and snowed-in parking that constitute a major hazard to residents, businesses and, above all, first responders to police, fire and medical calls.

To ensure effective snow removal and to keep traffic moving safely, the City's snow emergency procedures are designed to clear roadways in advance of major snow accumulations so that the plows can do their work. .

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City of Somerville Snow Emergency Guidelines



Call **311**, or visit
www.somervillema.gov and
click on "311" for more
information

DECLARATION OF A SNOW EMERGENCY



A snow emergency will be declared when four or more inches of snow are predicted.

After the snow emergency goes into effect, residents have four hours to move their cars. Vehicles not moved are subject to ticketing and towing.

During a Snow Emergency parking is allowed on the odd-numbered side of the street only, unless otherwise posted.

Residents with cars on the even side of the street must either move their cars to the odd side or, if they cannot find a space, move to another location. (For a list of available city lots go to www.somervillema.gov.)

Towing before the snow actually hits the ground is necessary to ensure clear streets for the plows. It is strongly advised that residents move their cars as soon as an emergency is declared.

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NOTIFICATION OF A SNOW EMERGENCY



- **City Cable** and **local media** will broadcast information.
- **Connect CTY** calls will be placed to all residents.
- **Snow Emergency Emails** will be sent .
- **Website alerts** will be posted to notify residents.
- **Blue lights** at key intersections will flash indicating that a snow emergency is in effect.

For more information and to sign up for Connect CTY, please call 311, or visit www.somervillema.gov

During Snow Emergencies please pay special attention to the **No Parking Within 20 ft. of an Intersection** policy to ensure that emergency vehicles can navigate city streets, driver and pedestrian sight lines are maintained, and so that snow plows are able to clear the streets.

LIFTING OF A SNOW EMERGENCY



Vehicles must be moved from City lots within two hours of the lifting of the snow emergency.

Permit parking enforcement will resume 24 hours after the snow emergency has been lifted. It is the responsibility of the vehicle owner to ensure that the car is clear of snow and that the Residential or Visitor parking permit is visible. If the permit is not visible the vehicle will be ticketed for Permit Parking Violation.

City Ordinance restricts any vehicle from remaining in the same space on any street for over 48 hours.

This violation will be strictly enforced on both the odd and even sides of the street 48 hours after a snow emergency.

Resident's Responsibilities for Sidewalks

- Residents must shovel and salt or sand their sidewalks when it snows.
- Residents have 6 daytime hours after the snow stops to shovel sidewalks.