

For Complete Snow Information Also Visit www.northamptonma.gov/snow

Winter Parking Rules

When a Winter Parking Ban goes into effect, there is **no overnight parking on Northampton streets from midnight to 6:00 a.m.** (2:00 am to 7:00 am on Main Street) **until the ban is lifted.** This is sometimes the next day, but it may also last through multiple days. **Do not park on city streets after a Winter Parking Ban until you receive word that the ban has been lifted.**

Anyone parking on city streets during winter parking bans is subject to **ticketing and towing.** *It's expensive to get towed, and it takes our emergency staff resources away from the important work of ensuring the safe travel conditions of our roads.*

Overnight parking is available in the John E. Gare Garage at all hours, on a space-available basis. There is a fee for overnight parking in the garage.

During Winter Parking Bans, **FREE** overnight parking is available in the **city parking lot on Armory Street** (near the garage) from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. *However, all cars must be moved from the Armory Street lot during the following hours to allow for plowing- 8:00am to 10:00am and 6:00pm to 8:00pm.* **Vehicles parked in the lot during these hours are subject to ticketing and towing.**



Cell Phone, Email or Text
Notifications

www.northamptonma.gov/964/Emergency-Dispatch



FACEBOOK & TWITTER UPDATES

Winter Parking Bans & Snow Emergency Information will be posted on the City's Facebook, **City of Northampton** and Twitter, **@NorthamptonMA** accounts

City of Northampton

Mayor's Office
Department of Public Works
Northampton Police
Northampton Fire Rescue
Emergency Dispatch
Parking Division

24 hour Winter Info Line: 413.586.6969

Winter Parking in Northampton

Stay Informed this Season

CodeRED

Sign up to receive alerts when winter parking bans are in effect, www.northamptonma.gov, these messages can be sent to you by email, telephone or text.

Blue Lights

When the blue lights on the traffic signals in downtown Northampton or Florence are flashing, a winter parking ban is in effect – there is no on-street parking throughout Northampton



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Stay informed, be prepared, and make sure you have up-to-date information

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Don't get towed when it snows! Get connected; stay informed.

How Do I Know?

The City has multiple ways of informing the public when winter parking bans are called. Choose one (or more!) of the following ways to get connected and stay informed:

- **CodeRED:** sign up on the city's website to receive a phone call, email or text (land line or cell) when a Winter Parking Ban is called, and again when it is lifted. This system also keeps residents informed of other critical news and events.
- **Blue Lights:** We have installed blue lights on Northampton and Florence downtown traffic signals. When those lights are flashing, a parking ban is in effect. Do not park on city streets overnight.
- **Facebook & Twitter:** Follow all the updates on the City's Facebook and Twitter pages.
- **Media:** The city sends notices to local newspaper, radio and television outlets, although we cannot guarantee they will publish the notice, so choose a backup plan!
- **Web:** Visit www.northamptonma.gov/snow for comprehensive snow information
- **24 Hour Info Line:** Call 586-6969 any time of day or night for a recorded message about winter parking bans.

Be a Good Neighbor

It's expensive to get towed! A car parked on the street during a winter parking ban means that our snow removal crews may not be able to fully clear the street for the safe passage of emergency vehicles and other traffic.

It also costs car owners money and time to get towed! The winter parking ticket collected by the city costs \$25. Towing company fees are set statewide, and usually run about \$100. Add to that a \$25 Administrative Fee and a \$35 a day storage cost from the towing companies, and you are looking at upwards of \$150 if you get towed!

If you know there's a winter parking ban in effect, help spread the word by notifying neighbors. If you leave town for a few days in the winter, try to park off-street if you can, or leave your car keys with someone who can move it in case of a parking ban. Between the multiple means of notification the city is using and the efforts of good neighbors, together we can drastically reduce the numbers of towed cars this year!

Sidewalk Shoveling

It is important for the health and safety of residents that sidewalks are cleared of snow within 24 hours from the end of a snow event. If you are responsible for a sidewalk on your property please clear the snow as soon as possible. Fines can be levied by the Police Department if snow is not cleared.

Get Informed – Stay Aware!

Be aware that winter parking bans can extend multiple days and may remain in effect **after** the winter storm has already blown through. DPW crews return on successive nights to clear and carry away the snow that they plowed during the storm in order to make roads clear to their full width. Don't return to on-street parking until you get the phone call or email telling you the parking ban has been lifted and keep your eyes on the blue lights. Sometimes parking bans are called for individual streets, and in that case, CodeRED will send a phone call to residents to alert you to the parking ban, and again when the ban is lifted. This information will also be on the winter info line, Facebook and Twitter. Stay connected and stay informed, even after the flakes have finished falling.

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Who to Call and When

Winter Info Line, 586-6969, 24 hours a day. Call for news about parking bans.

Northampton Dispatch, 587-1100, 24 hours a day. Call if you think your car was towed; they can help you locate the towing company.

Department of Public Works, 587-1570, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, weekdays. Call during business hours if your street needs plowing or sanding. DPW will prioritize streets and clear snow and ice as quickly as possible. During non-business hours call Dispatch to report sanding or plowing needs.