

For complete snow information, also visit northamptonma.gov/snow

Winter Parking Rules

When a winter parking ban goes into effect, there is no overnight parking on Northampton streets from 12am to 6am and from 2am to 7am on Main Street, until the ban is lifted. This is generally the next day, however it may last a couple of 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 a winter parking ban is subject to **ticketing and towing**. *It's expensive to get towed, and it takes public safety resources away from the important work of ensuring safe travelling 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 Armory Street** (near the garage) from 8pm to 8am. However, all cars must be moved from the Armory Street lot during the following hours to allow for plowing: 8am to 10am and 6pm to 8pm. **Vehicles parked in the lot during these hours are subject to ticketing and towing.**



Cell phone, email or text notifications:
northamptonma.gov/964/emergency-dispatch



FACEBOOK & TWITTER UPDATES

Winter parking bans & snow emergency information will be posted on the City of Northampton's website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.



City of Northampton

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

Winter Parking in Northampton



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CodeRED

Sign up to receive alerts when winter parking bans are in effect. These messages can be sent to you by email, telephone or text. Register for notifications by visiting **www.northamptonma.gov**

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.

**24 hour winter information line:
413-586-6969**

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How do I know if there is a winter parking ban?

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 message when a winter parking ban is called, and again when it is lifted. This system will also keep 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 newspapers, and radio and television outlets, although we cannot guarantee they will publish the notice, so choose a backup plan!
- **Web:** Visit northamptonma.gov/snow for comprehensive snow information
- **24 hour info line:** Call 413-586-6969 any time of day or night for a recorded message about winter parking bans and/or school and business closings.

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 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, text, or email telling you the parking ban has been lifted** and keep your eyes on the blue lights.

Who to Call and When

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

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

Department of Public Works: Call 587-1570, during weekday business hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) 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.