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Cambridge Snow Emergency Parking Ban in Effect at 11:00 PM Tonight

Cambridge, MA – The City of Cambridge has declared a Snow Emergency Parking Ban Effective at 11:00 PM on Thursday, January 20, 2011. During a Snow Emergency, parking is prohibited on streets signed **No Parking during Snow Emergency** and vehicles will be towed. A list and map of these particular streets is available on the [Traffic Department Website](#) under Snow Storm Procedures.

Four parking facilities provide free parking when a declared snow emergency is in effect:

- **Galleria Mall.** Residents of East Cambridge can park for free in the Galleria Mall Garage when the declared snow emergency is in effect.
- **First Street Garage.** Enter on Spring Street. Parking is free if you have a Cambridge resident parking permit from the time when the declared snow emergency is in effect until 2 hours after it is lifted.
- **Green Street Garage,** Central Square. Parking is free if you have a Cambridge resident parking permit from the time when the declared snow emergency is in effect until 2 hours after it is lifted.
- **52 Oxford Garage.** This is a Harvard owned and operated garage. When a Snow Emergency is declared it is open to City residents with a resident parking permit on a space available basis for no fee from the time when the declared snow emergency is in effect until one hour after the snow emergency is lifted. Space is limited, and availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. The University reserves the right to cease admittance due to capacity limitations and operation issues.

Updates:

Any updates and information on when the ban will be lifted will be made available once determined via a recorded message during non-business hours and live assistance during business hours at the Traffic Department number, 617-349-4700. This information will also be posted online as soon as possible on the [City of Cambridge Website](#) and on City TV-8.

Cambridge resident may sign up to receive Snow Emergency alerts via a text message to your cell phone or to your E-mail by clicking on the E-Line icon on the [City's Website](#).

For School Closings, call 617-349-6513.

Plowing Operations after the Storm:

The Department of Public Works will clear streets as soon as possible after a snow storm, starting with major arteries. Please don't take it personally if we plow snow back into your driveway, but as we work to make streets passable, it is often unavoidable. Your patience and participation help the City return streets and sidewalks to safe, passable conditions as quickly as possible.

Keep Sidewalks Clear:

City Ordinance requires property owners to remove snow from sidewalks next to their property or business within 12 hours of daytime snowfall and before 1 p.m. when it has fallen overnight. They must also remove or melt all ice within 6 hours of the time it forms. There is a \$50 fine for each day of non-compliance. If you are away, it is still your responsibility to ensure that someone clears sidewalks next to your property. Remember to:

- Shovel your sidewalk on all sides of your property, down to bare pavement
- Make path at least 3 feet wide
- Clear ramps at corners and crosswalks
- Chop or melt all ice
- Keep street drains clear of snow
- Consider helping neighbors who may have difficulty clearing their walk.

Report Unsafe Sidewalks:

A feature on the Department of [Public Works Website](#) allows you to report unsafe sidewalks.

Exemptions:

Disabled or elderly persons who qualify as low-income residents may be eligible for an exemption. Call the Cambridge Council on Aging, 617-349-6220 (voice) or 617-349-6050 (TTY) to learn more.

For more information, visit the [Department of Public Works \(DPW\) Website](#).

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