

SNOW REMOVAL TAKES TEAMWORK...

WHAT WE DO DURING A STORM...

Plowing snow from Everett's streets is a formidable task. It involves a coordinated effort of city personnel and equipment, and private contractors working long hours under the most severe weather and driving conditions.

The Department of Public Works makes every effort to keep main arteries plowed during all stages of a storm, and to clear all City property once a storm has stopped. We realize, however, there are bound to be concerns and complaints from residents during a storm. If you believe that a request for service is warranted and sufficient time has elapsed for us to have responded, please call 617.394.2270 or 311.

Caution: If you are not accustomed to heavy physical activity, do not attempt to shovel snow. Hire someone from the Shoveling Assistance Program @ 311 or 617.394.2270



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

DURING THE STORM

- Avoid driving during a storm, when possible. Despite our best efforts, there are times when road conditions are hazardous. When roads are free of traffic and illegally parked vehicles, we can return the roads to a less hazardous condition in a much shorter time span.

PARKING

- Pay attention to "No Parking" signs during snow emergencies.
- Always park at least 20 feet from the street corner so plows can push snow away from crosswalk. Parking away from the corner improves visibility and safety year-round.
- Remember, it is illegal to "reserve" cleared parking spaces; objects left in on-street parking spaces will be removed.

BE PATIENT

- Since it may take several hrs. for a plow to make their way to your street, please try to be patient and avoid early calls for service during a storm.

DRIVEWAYS

- Unfortunately, snow will inevitably be plowed into driveways as we perform curb-to-curb plowing.
- You may wish to clear your driveway several times during the storm or wait until the storm and plowing activities have ended.
- Snowplowing, shoveling, or throwing snow back onto the street when clearing driveways and sidewalks is prohibited by the city ordinances and violators can be fined.

AFTER THE STORM

REMOVING SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS

- The City of Everett added the Snow Shoveling Ordinance that requires the owner of land or a building abutting any sidewalk to clear snow from that sidewalk, making it convenient for public use.
- Sidewalks should be cleared to provide a minimum passage of thirty-six inches in width.
- Snow must be removed within twelve (12) hrs. of the formal declaration that the snow emergency has ended.
- Fines may be issued for non-compliance with this ordinance.
- Waivers are available for the elderly and those physically unable to shovel. For more information call the Mayor's Office @ 617.394.2270 or 311.

Hint: Think about how you pile snow: don't create new problems in the street or sidewalk. Stock up on ice melt before storm.

DE-ICING

- Remember: For people on foot, ice can be worse than snow and can cause dangerous falls. Please be careful when walking.
- Avoid rock salt (NaCl or sodium chloride), which kills plants and trees. Use Ice Melter with calcium chloride (CaCl₂), which is the best choice for the environment & only a small amount is required to melt ice. Potassium Chloride (KCl) is okay. Magnesium Chloride pellets have low toxicity level for humans and dogs.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

When a parking ban has been declared as a result of weather conditions, motor vehicles shall only park on the designated side for that snow season.

The snow season is from November 1st to March 31st. and the side you park on is designated by the year in which the snow season ends, ODD or EVEN.

For Example this season ends in 2025 so parking is only allowed on the ODD numbered side of the street.

For streets with one sided parking you will continue to park on the side that is allowed throughout the year.

There will be NO parking allowed on main arteries. For a list of those main arteries and more information, please visit: cityofeverett.com



RESIDENTS MAY PARK IN THESE MUNICIPAL LOTS DURING A SNOW STORM

Norwood St. Lot,
School St. Lots (Corey & Oakes)
Victoria St. Lot, Day Park Lot, Floyd St. Lot



SHOVELING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The city has developed a Shoveling Assistance Program to assist our elderly and inform residents in locating youths in their neighborhoods that will shovel snow from their driveways and sidewalks. Please call 617.394.2270 or 311 for information.

CATCH BASINS

Help us stop street flooding by shoveling out catch basins near your home.

FIRE HYDRANTS

Please help us keep snow away from fire hydrants. Snow piled or shoveled close to hydrants restricts operation during a fire emergency. We are requesting your help in keeping our fire hydrants accessible. Could you please clear a four-foot circle around the hydrant near your home to ensure easy access for our Fire Dept?

SENIOR CITIZENS

If there is a senior citizen or other neighbor who cannot get around during a storm, make periodic checks on them to make sure they are safe and have food and water. If you are able to shovel their property, please do so. If not, call the Shoveling Assistance Program.



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