



A message from the Mayor

The City of Albany has instituted a snow emergency program which deals with plowing and removing winter snow and ice quickly and efficiently. It's a systematic approach, aimed at reducing the problems associated with parking and driving in our city during the winter season.

This plan will work well only if everyone cooperates and follows the instructions provided. So please review the tips in this pamphlet and do your part to help the City when a SNOW EMERGENCY is announced.

I thank you for your cooperation. By working together, we can ensure that our City's snow removal program will benefit everyone that lives, drives or walks in the City of Albany.

Sincerely,
Gerald D. Jennings
Mayor

Question

How will I know when a snow emergency has been declared?

A The Mayor will declare a SNOW EMERGENCY starting at either 8am or 8 pm. by using the following means of communication:

Snow emergency Notifications:

- Radio and TV Stations
- Message Boards & signs throughout the city.
- City Website, www.albanyny.gov
- Snow emergency hotline: 476-SNOW

You can sign up to any of these web sites to receive notifications when a snow emergency is declared:

- [facebook/Albany Police Department](https://www.facebook.com/AlbanyPoliceDepartment)
- [Twitter/Albany Police Department](https://twitter.com/AlbanyPoliceDepartment)
- www.nixle.com
- nyalert.gov

Question

Are there any alternate locations where I can park my car during a snow emergency?

A To aid residents in finding legal parking during snow emergencies the City of Albany has made additional parking available. The following is a list of locations where parking is permitted during a snow emergency:

Arbor Hill/Sheridan Hollow

1. Parking Area, Arbor Hill Softball Field (N. Lark St.)
2. 230 Colonie St. (playground lot)
3. 178 Colonie St. (playground lot)
4. Ten Broeck Mansion parking lot



Pine Hills

1. Ridgefield Park (on Partridge St.)
2. Woodlawn Park Little League
3. Waterson Park (Westland Hills)
~ Enter On Colvin Ave. or Austain Ave.
4. Washington Park (all roadways and parking areas)

South End

1. Krank Park
2. Franklin St. (between Schuyler & Bassett Sts. east side)
3. Lincoln Park (all interior roadways & parking area)
4. Frisbee Ave. parking lot (between Second Ave. and McCarty Ave.)

Center Square/Mansion

1. 77 Philip St. (playground)
2. 88 Philip St. (playground)
3. 179 Myrtle Ave (in front of Community Gardens)

North Albany

1. Hackett Park parking lot across from N. Albany Post

West End

1. Bleecker Stadium (parking area & roadways)
2. Tivoli Park (opposite Judson St.)
~ North Side of Livingston Ave.

Question

What are my responsibilities regarding snow removal and sidewalk shoveling?

What happens if I don't follow these regulations?

A It is the responsibility of all property owners in the City of Albany to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours of the completion of a snowfall. If removal does not occur, the Department of General Services can post the property; you then have 24 hours to clean the sidewalk.

- If you fail to do so, the Department of General Services will then perform the removal of snow & ice from the sidewalk. The cost of the city removal will then be billed to the property owner, as well as a \$100 fine for each occurrence.
- If the bill is not paid, the charge is added to the tax bill and becomes a lien on the property.
- These measures are necessary to protect the public health and welfare, and to provide safe passage for the many city residents who rely on the sidewalks to reach basic services, jobs and schools.
- **In the City of Albany, it is illegal to shovel, plow, snow blow or otherwise deposit snow into the city streets for removal.** Violators can be subject up to a \$125 fine per violation plus cost of removal.

Question

Will a snow emergency affect my trash or recycling pick-up?

A No, Trash and recycling pickup will be collected as usual.



Question

What special parking regulations are in effect during a snow emergency?

A Normal parking rules and regulations are temporarily suspended in the city. **Even though normal regulations are suspended- you still cannot block hydrants, park in a crosswalk or park in handicap spaces without a handicap permit.** By the time the snow emergency goes into effect it is mandatory that you move your vehicle to the even numbered side of the street.

- No parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street for the first 24 hours. Parking there will result in your vehicle being ticketed and towed.
- After 24 hours from the start of the snow emergency, residents **must** move to the odd side of the street for the next 24-hour period. No parking will be allowed on the even side of the street. Parking there will result in your vehicle being ticketed and towed.
- Generally after 48 hours from the start of the snow emergency, it will officially be declared over and normal parking rules and regulations will be restored.

Question

What do I do if my car is ticketed and towed during a snow emergency?

A If your vehicle has been towed during a snow emergency you must call 438-4000 to find out where your car has been towed. You will be directed to go to the towing company where you will need to be prepared to:

1. Show that you are the registered owner of the car or have a letter of permission from the owner to claim the vehicle.
2. Have a valid driver's license.
3. Be prepared to pay the towing cost to the tow company.



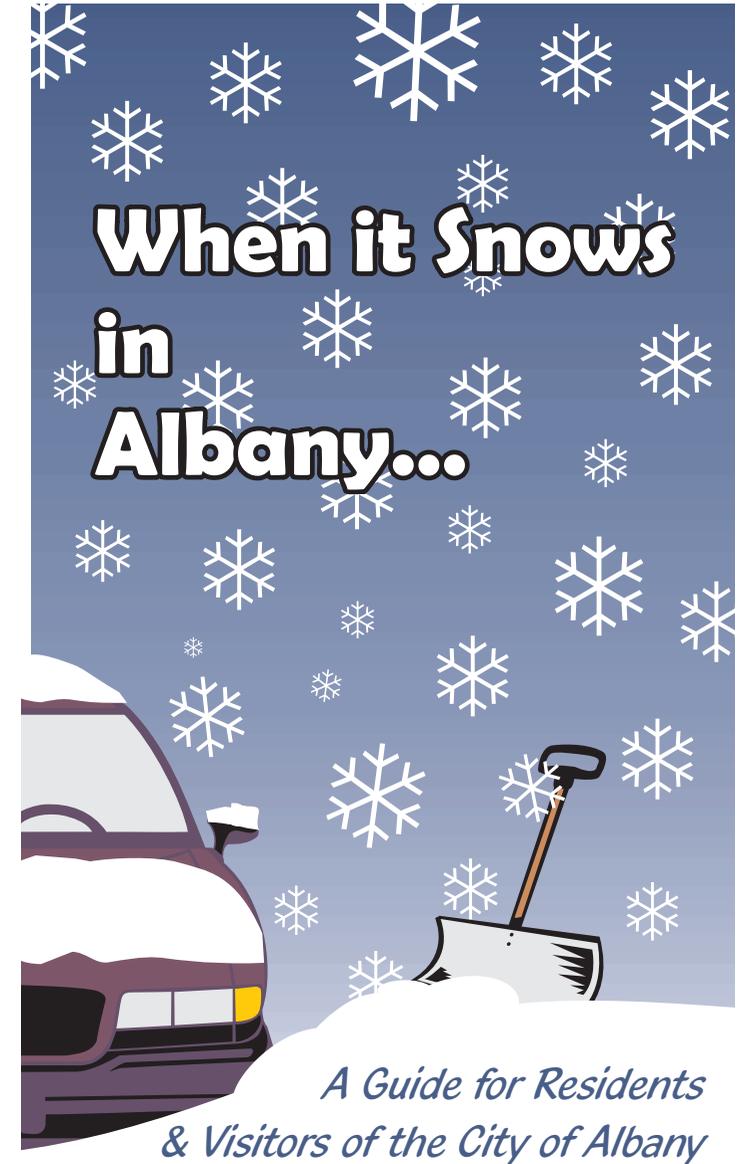
Snow Shoveling Tips

- * When shoveling, start slow and continue at a slow pace (Suggestion: shovel for 5-7 minutes and rest 2-3 minutes). Shoveling snow is a strenuous activity that is very stressful on the heart.
- * Shovel early and often; new snow is lighter than heavily packed/partially melted snow. Take frequent breaks. Always try to push snow rather than lifting it.
- * Protect your back by lifting properly and safely:
 1. Stand with feet at hip width for balance
 2. Hold the shovel close to your body
 3. Space hands apart to increase leverage
 4. Bend from your knees, not your back
 5. Tighten your stomach muscles while lifting
 6. Avoid twisting while lifting
 7. Walk to dump snow rather than throwing it
 8. When snow is deep, shovel small amounts (1-2 inches) at a time
- * If you are physically unable to shovel your property, consider hiring a student or using volunteer services

Question

Who can I contact if I have any questions or concerns?

- A** You can get all the information by calling Snow Emergency Hotline **476-SNOW (7669)** Department of General Services **434-CITY (2489)**, or visit our website at www.albanyny.gov



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