



NEWS ALERT

CITY PREPARES FOR HISTORIC SNOW EVENT

City Parking Garages Will Open for Free Parking at 6:00 PM, Friday, January 22nd

Frederick, MD – January 21, 2016 With the current prediction of 18'-24" of snow and possible wind gust up to 60MPH creating blizzard and whiteout conditions, Mayor Randy McClement highly encourages citizens to prepare now for the upcoming weather event and to stay home once the snow begins to fall.

For your safety and convenience, a list of important information including emergency phone numbers and important websites has been compiled below.

- **SNOW EMERGENCY:** When a Snow Emergency Plan goes into effect, City residents will have 2 hours to move their cars from all designated Snow Emergency Routes. Any vehicles parked on designated Snow Emergency Routes may be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicles traveling on Snow Emergency Routes will also be required to use snow tires or chains. Residents who reside on Snow Emergency Routes are asked to plan ahead and park elsewhere. (see routes listed below) We are mandated to keep all snow emergency routes open at all times. This means that our crews will concentrate on these routes first. Once they have an accessible lane on all Snow Emergency Routes, the crew will move to all feeder (secondary) streets. These are your neighborhood streets. Once the secondary streets have been cleared, the crews will move to the alleyways and single access streets.
- **PARKING GARAGES:** It is NOT standard practice to open parking garages for free during snow events, but the City will do so based on extreme storm events. However, based on the storm's potential of 18"-24" of snow The City of Frederick will open all City parking garages for **FREE** parking at 6:00pm on Friday evening,

January 22nd. As of now, they will stay open for free until 6:00am Monday morning, January 25th. Based on the most up to date weather information, this is the best way to help get vehicles off the narrow streets in our downtown area. If this storm should not happen, it will give you the opportunity to come downtown and visit the shops and restaurants and park for free!

PLEASE NOTE... City of Frederick Parking Decks are located at:

- Church Street Parking Deck- 17 East Church Street
 - Court Street Parking Deck - 2 South Court Street
 - Carroll Street Parking Deck - 44 East Patrick Street
 - West Patrick Street Deck - 138 West Patrick Street
 - East All Saints Street Deck - 125 East All Saints Street
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- **RESTRICTED PARKING:** Please remember that all restricted parking areas stay in effect during snow emergency events. If you see a sign noting a certain side of the street as a No Parking area on certain days/evenings, those areas will be enforced during all snow events. By not parking in these areas, it allows our snow crews to clear snow from these spaces so you can have open parking spots as soon as possible.

 - **DRIVEWAYS:** Be advised, with the amount and type of snow predicted, driveways WILL be plowed in. We ask that you move ALL your vehicles into your driveway to allow our plows the opportunity to clear as close to the curb as possible. PLEASE NOTE that vehicles that remain on the street WILL have large amounts of snow piled around them. Snow plows will come through each street multiple times; it is advised that residents wait until the snowfall ends, before clearing driveway openings and curb cuts.

 - **HIGH WIND CONDITIONS:** Be aware and alert for possible downed trees and power lines due to the heavy snow. Report downed and low hanging power lines or fallen trees to our DPW Operations switchboard by calling 301-600-1440. Do not attempt to cross over or under downed lines.

 - **SIDEWALKS:** City Code requires all sidewalks to be cleared 12 hours after the snow stops falling. Please note, if you do not clear your sidewalks, the City has the right to either fine you or have your sidewalk cleared and charge you for that service.

- **SHOVELING/PLOWING SNOW INTO STREETS:** Snow or ice may not be deposited onto any public street or sidewalk. You could be fined if found doing this.
- **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:** If you should have any questions about snow removal on your street, please call our DPW Operations switchboard at 301-600-1440.
 - Power outage concerns, call Potomac Edison at 1-800-686-0011.
 - For road conditions, call 800-327-3125 or go to www.marylandroads.com
 - **All life threatening concerns, please dial 911.**
- **OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**
 - Local radio stations AM: 930 WFMD, FM: WFRE 99.9, Key 103.1 & 106.9 The Eagle
 - City Television Cable Channel 99 & WHAG Channel 25
 - Local newspaper www.fredericknewspost.com
 - The City of Frederick website www.cityoffrederick.com
 - Subscribe to "Alert Frederick County" to receive severe weather information at www.frederickcountymd.gov/alerts
 - City Emergency Public Information Phone Line: 301-600-1300

| City of Frederick Snow Emergency Routes | | |
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| STREET NAME | START | END |
| NORTH/SOUTH STREETS | | |
| Market Street | Route 70 Bridge | Route 26 |
| Bentz St/ Motter Ave/Opossumtown Pike | West South Street | North City Limits |
| East Street | Monocacy Boulevard | North Market Street |
| Baughman's Lane | US Route 40 | Rosemont Avenue |
| South Jefferson Street | Prospect Boulevard | West Patrick Street |
| Monocacy Boulevard | East South Street | East Patrick Street |
| South Market Street | Loat's Alley | |
| Monocacy Boulevard | Gass House Pike | MD Route 15 |
| Gas House Pike/Monocacy Boulevard | East Street | Church Street |

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| Mill Island Parkway | Waterside Drive | Monocacy Ford Road |
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| EAST/WEST STREETS | | |
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| Patrick Street | NB Ramp US Route 15 | Bailes Lane |
| South Street/West Patrick Street | City Limits | Reich's Ford Road |
| Yellow Springs Road/City Limits | N. Bentz Street | Rosemont Avenue/Dill Ave |
| Seventh Street | Military Road | East Street |
| Butterfly Lane | Mt. Phillip Road | Route 180 |
| Military Road | West 7th Street | Rosemont Avenue |
| Waterside Drive | Monocacy Boulevard | City Limits |

The City of Frederick highly encourages citizens to prepare now and stay off the roads once the snow begins. If you must travel in bad weather, drive slowly and let someone know your route and anticipated arrival time. If you are stopped or stalled, stay in your vehicle and run your heater for a few minutes every hour to keep warm. Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked and keep your window cracked open.

Questions can be directed to Susan Harding, Public Information Coordinator at 301-600-1385 or susan@cityoffrederick.com.

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