

New Bedford snow parking ban starts at 5pm Wednesday

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Southeastern Massachusetts including New Bedford in effect from 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16 through 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17. The National Weather Service predicts total snow accumulations of 6 to 8 inches. Storm conditions and icy roads due to rapidly falling temperatures are expected to make travel difficult from Wednesday night through Thursday morning.

Citywide Snow Emergency Parking Ban Effective at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16

In preparation for the approaching snowstorm, the City of New Bedford has announced a citywide snow emergency parking ban to take effect at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16. The parking ban will be strictly enforced and will remain in effect for 48-hours thereafter, unless lifted or further extended by City officials. The parking ban is designed to allow City workers to efficiently remove snow from New Bedford roadways to permit public safety vehicles and residents to travel safely.

While the snow emergency parking ban is in effect, parking is permitted on the north side of all streets going east and west, and is permitted on the east side of all streets going north and south. The permitted side of the street is typically the side opposite of the fire hydrants.

Please note that on streets which are normally posted for parking on one side of the street only, residents are to obey the signs as usual.

Vehicles should never be parked within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant or twenty (20) feet from a corner as required by law,

regardless of whether a snow ban is in effect, or not.

Double-sided Parking Ban Areas

To increase public safety during storm events, the areas designated for a double-sided parking ban include sections of five streets (listed below), in addition to the Downtown and Acushnet Avenue Business Districts where a double-sided ban has been in place in years past.

The street sections were selected because they are major routes for ambulances, school buses, and SRTA buses, and have a history of large vehicles being unable to successfully navigate due to the narrowness of the street.

During a snow emergency parking ban, no parking is therefore permitted on either side of the street in the following areas:

Wood St (Acushnet Ave to Belleville Ave)

Acushnet Ave (Tarkiln Hill Rd to Coggeshall St)

Nash Rd (Acushnet Ave to Belleville Ave)

Ashley Blvd (Nash Rd to Coggeshall St)

County St (Purchase St to Cove Rd)

Cottage St (Durfee St to Union St)

Mill St (Kempton St to Pleasant St)

Kempton St (Brownell Ave to Pleasant St)

The Downtown Business District (County St to JFK Blvd, Kempton St to Walnut St)

Dartmouth St (Allen St to Matthew St)

Rivet St (Dartmouth St to JFK Blvd)

Map and information on parking bans are available at:
<http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/traffic/snowbans/>.

Violations of the snow emergency parking ban will be subject to ticketing at \$50 per ticket and towing at full cost to the owner of the vehicle towed. The vehicle owner is also responsible for the full cost of storage for any towed vehicle. The City of New Bedford has designated the following areas as preferred parking areas for those residents in need

of off-street parking while the emergency snow parking ban is in effect:

Victory Park – Brock Avenue

Hazelwood Park – Brock Avenue

Cove Street Parking Lot – Cove Street and Morton Court

Orchard Street at Camara Soccer Field

Buttonwood Park Parking Area – Hawthorn Street Side and Lake Street Side

Coggeshall Street Parking Lot – Coggeshall Street and Acushnet Avenue

Sawyer Street Parking Lot – Between Sawyer Street and Beetle Street

Brooklawn Park Parking Area – Brooklawn Street (South Side)

Riverside Park Lot – Coffin Avenue

Coffin Avenue Lot- Across from Taber Mills Apartments

Former AVX site on Belleville Avenue at Hadley Street

Former Philips Avenue School – 249 Phillips Avenue

Elm Street Garage

Zeiterion Garage – 688 Purchase Street

New Bedford High School – 230 Hathaway Boulevard

Keith Middle School – 225 Hathaway Boulevard

Normandin Middle School – 81 Felton Street

Roosevelt Middle School – 119 Fredrick Street

Charles S Ashley Elementary School – 122 Rochambeau Street

Elizabeth Carter Brooks Elementary School – 212 Nemasket Street

Elwyn G Campbell Elementary School – 145 Essex Street

Sgt Wm H Carney Academy Elementary School – 247 Elm Street

Lot at intersection of Elm and Cottage (Southeast Corner)

James B Congdon Elementary School – 50 Hemlock Street

John B DeValles Elementary School – 120 Katherine Street

Alfred J Gomes Elementary School – 286 South Second Street

Ellen R Hathaway Elementary School – 256 Court Street

Hayden/McFadden Elementary School – 361 Cedar Grove Street

Horatio A Kempton Elementary School – 135 Shawmut Avenue

Abraham Lincoln Elementary School – 445 Ashley Boulevard

Carlos Pacheco Elementary School – 261 Mt. Pleasant Street
John Avery Parker Elementary School – 705 County Street
Casmir Pulaski Elementary School – 1097 Braley Road
Thomas R Rodman Elementary School – 497 Mill Street
William H Taylor Elementary School – 620 Brock Avenue
SEA LAB/John Hannigan Elementary School – 91 Portland Street
Jireh Swift Elementary School – 2203 Acushnet Avenue
Betsey B Winslow Elementary School – 561 Allen Street

New Bedford City Offices – Closed

City offices, which are operating on a limited basis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will be closed. City Hall, the public libraries, Buttonwood Park Zoo will be closed. Senior centers are closed due to the pandemic.

One-day delay in Residential Trash and Recycling Collection

There will be a one-day delay in residential trash and recycling collection. There will be NO residential trash and recycling pickup on Thursday, December 17. For residents whose trash is collected on Thursday, pickup will be delayed until Friday. For residents with trash collection on Friday, pickup will be delayed until Saturday.

New Bedford Regional Airport

New Bedford Regional Airport will remain in operation unless otherwise announced. Passengers should contact their air carriers directly to confirm their flight status because widespread cancellations are expected.

Sand Available to City Residents at Several Locations

The Department of Public Infrastructure has made sand available to city residents at several locations throughout the city. Residents are advised to bring their own small container to collect the sand at any of the following locations:

Corner of Liberty Street and Smith Street
Brooklawn Park next to Brooklawn Senior Center
Morse Twist Drill site (Pleasant Street side)