

## How you can help...

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**Ahead of the snow falling** ☐ Pay attention to weather forecasts.

- Familiarize yourself with snow emergency information and parking rules.
- Find a location to move your vehicle.
- Check the city's website for current information.

**While the snow is falling** ☐

Monitor snow accumulation.

- Check the city's website and/or phone numbers for a snow emergency declaration.
- Move your vehicle according to snow emergency parking rules.
- Visit, phone, or email your neighbors to remind them of parking rules.

**After the snow falls**

- Remove snow and ice from your sidewalk within 24 hours of snowfall.
- Remove snow near fire hydrants and storm drains.
- Check on elderly or disabled neighbors.
- Be sure trash and recycling containers are visible; not buried under snow.

## Coping with Snow Storms

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Don't lift the snow - push it. Always use your legs not your back if you must lift snow.

Pile snow to the right of the driveway to reduce the potential of having it re-deposited in your driveway opening.

Snow should be kept on the owners' property or in the gutter. (not on the street)

Shovel your driveway after the storm to avoid doing it twice.

If the collection of trash is suspended due to a storm, remove all recycle bins to prevent being buried in snow.

Prevent flooding by clearing storm drains near your property to allow rain or melting snow to enter the drainage system.

Keep in mind older residents or persons with health problems should consult their physician before shoveling snow.

## Emergency Numbers



**Police/Fire/Medical Emergencies** - 911

Mayor's Office (**Storm Central**) 508-324-2600

**Police Department** 508- 324-2801 \*\*

**Community Maintenance** 508-324-2760

**Traffic Division**

508-324-2579 508-324-2123 508-324-2577 508-207-2584

## Utility Companies



National Grid - 800-867-5222

Liberty Utilities - 800-936-7000

Comcast - 800-934-6489

Verizon - 800-837-4966

## Television

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WBZTV Channel 4

WCVB Channel 5

WLNE Channel 6

WHDH Channel 7

WJAR Channel 10

WPRI Channel 12

## Local Radio Stations

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WSAR 1480 AM

WHTB 1400AM

WJFD 97.3 FM

## Local Cable

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FRGTV Channel 18



## City of Fall River Winter Weather Guide

During a storm, our objective is to keep the roads accessible for police, fire and ambulance services. After the storm, we strive to make the roads safe for the general public.

Removing snow and ice from Fall River's 280 square miles and approximately 1100 public roads is a challenging task. It involves coordination of private and city owned plows, and personnel. The hours can be very long, with operations conducted during the most severe weather and driving conditions. We realize that an operation of such size and complexity is bound to generate complaints & requests for additional service.

Since it may take several hours for plows to make their way to your street, please be patient and hold off on early calls for service during a storm. If you believe a request for service is warranted and sufficient time has passed for us to have responded, please call 508-324-2761. This number will be staffed or your call will be recorded and the information relayed to staff for action.

Please keep in mind that driving in winter storms should be avoided whenever possible. In every winter storm, there are periods when road conditions are hazardous despite best efforts. Our work to restore safe road conditions is completed more quickly and more efficiently when roads are

### City of Fall River Department of Mayor's Office

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Fall River, Ma 02722  
508.324.2600



## Where Do I Park?

Motorists are reminded that when a parking ban is in effect, parking is allowed on the north side of all city streets that run east and west and that parking is allowed on the west side of all streets that run north and south. In most cases this means no parking on the fire hydrant side.

## Alternative Designated Parking Areas

The City of Fall River offers alternative designated parking areas.

### The locations are:

- Flint Municipal Parking Lot on Cash at Pleasant Street
- Columbia Street Municipal Parking Lot at Columbia and Hunter Streets
- Park Drive at Kennedy Park

## Towing Tips...

During a parking ban, please call the Fall River Police Station at **508-324-2801** for the location of the towed vehicle. All towing fees must be paid to the respective tow company prior to the release of stored vehicles.

## Ordinances

There are ordinances in place which prohibit throwing shoveled snow into the streets. City Code also addresses clearing sidewalks, parking bans during a Snow Emergency, and other winter weather related notices put in place for the safety of Fall River's residents and the City Staff.

- Sec. 66-32.** Duties of abutting property owners regarding snow and ice on sidewalks. **Sec. 66-33.** Placing snow or ice on cleared sidewalk or driveway.
- Sec. 70-314.** Emergency parking prohibitions due to weather conditions.
- Sec. 70-315.** Tow-away zone regulations.

## Parking Tips...

Parking is not allowed within 20 feet of a corner to allow access for snow removing vehicles. Parking is allowed, unless posted, on both sides of any street that is divided by a traffic median but parking against the median is prohibited.

If any vehicle is in violation of the parking ban and must be towed to clear streets for plows or emergency vehicles, the owner must call the Police Department at **508-324-2801** for the location of the towed vehicle. All towing fees must be paid to the respective tow company prior to release of the stored vehicle.

Residents are also reminded that reserving parking spaces on public streets is prohibited by law as is shoveling or blowing snow into a public street. Property owners should make sidewalks passable to pedestrians by sundown on the day of a snowstorm.

## Where to put the Snow?

Residents and businesses should not shovel, blow, plow or throw snow onto the streets or pile it so as to block sidewalks. City ordinance section 66, chapter 32 prohibits this and could result in a fine.

## Fire Hydrants



There are many Fire Hydrants in the City of Fall River. Help us Keep Fall River Safe by shoveling around the hydrant near your residence.

## Winter Terminology

**Winter Storm Warning** - Storm with 6 inches or more of snow, sleet or a combination of freezing rain over the next 24 hours.

**Winter Storm Watch** - Chance of heavy snow or combination or freezing rain over the next several hours.

**Winter Advisory** - Slight amount of snow, sleet or combination of freezing rain is predicted. **Blizzard Warning** - Strong winds, blinding wind-driven snow & dangerous wind chills expected over the next several hours.

**Freezing Rain** - Rain freezes into a layer of ice on roads, power lines, and trees, etc.

## Sidewalk Clearing

City ordinance Section 66, Chapter 32 Duties of abutting property owners regarding Snow and ice on sidewalks. (a) No owner or tenant of any estate abutting on a sidewalk shall place or suffer to remain for more than five (5) hours between sunrise and sunset any snow upon such sidewalk, or any ice upon such sidewalk unless such ice is made reasonably even and covered with sand, salt or other acceptable material to prevent slipping; nor shall any person place any ice or snow in a street outside of the sidewalk unless the ice or snow is made reasonable even at the time of placing. For the purpose of this section, sidewalks shall include wheelchair ramps extending from the sidewalk to the street.

(b) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50.00 for each offense, and not only the person actually doing the prohibited thing, but also his employer and every other person concerned in so doing, shall be punished by such fine.

## Parking Ban Fines

The cost of a parking violation during a ban is \$65 not including towing and storage fees. During a major snow storm, towing and storage fees will vary dependent on the towing company.

\*\* For all parking issues call the Police department **only** during snow storms. Please call **508-324-2801**.

## Trash & Recycle Pick-up



Due to inclement weather conditions the routes may be canceled for safety reasons. If this occurs your trash and recycling will not be picked up until road conditions are considered safe.

If you have experienced a missed pick-up by E-Z Disposal you will need to contact them **directly**. Please make a note on the site that whether you call or email you should always include the city with your message.

T: 781-233-2211

E: [fallriverrequests@ezdisposalrecycling.com](mailto:fallriverrequests@ezdisposalrecycling.com)