



A message from the Mayor

The City of Albany has instituted a snow plowing and removal program which deals with 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 is essential and will work only if everyone cooperates by following the instructions provided. So please, review the tips in this pamphlet and do your part to help the City run as smooth as possible when a SNOW EMERGENCY is announced.

I thank you for your cooperation. By working together, we can be sure 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 1- What is a "snow emergency"?

A When forecasters predict an abundant amount of snow to hit the City of Albany and as the snow from this storm begins to fall, the Mayor declares a **SNOW EMERGENCY which will start at either 8am or 8pm.**

Question 2- How will I know when a snow emergency has been declared?

A All radio and television stations will be advised as well as the city's website, albanyny.gov, and the 476-SNOW snow emergency hotline updated on the start time of the snow emergency.

Question 5- 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. 124 Second St. (playground lot)
5. Ten Broeck Mansion (parking lot & sidewalk west end)

Pine Hills

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

South End

1. Krank Park Area
2. Franklin St. (between Schuyler & Bassett Sts. – east side)
3. Lincoln Park (all interior roadways & parking area)

Center Square/Mansion

1. 77 Philip St. (playground)
2. 88 Philip St. (playground)
3. OGS East Garage (corner of Madison Ave & Eagle St)
This location is only available on a case-by-case basis. To see if this location is approved for parking contact the department of general services at 434-2489 (CITY) once a snow emergency has been declared.

North Albany

1. N. Second St & N. Third St. (park along road)
2. Parking area across from N. Albany Post

West End

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

Question 6- What are my responsibilities regarding snow removal & 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 your 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 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 per City Code #323
 - 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 as pedestrians.
 - **In the City of Albany, it is illegal to shovel, plow, snow blow or otherwise deposit snow into the city streets for removal.** Violators of this Code (section #323-21B, 323-23) can be subject up to a \$125 fine per violation plus cost of removal.

Question 7- Will a snow emergency affect my trash or recycling pick-up?

A **Yes, during all snow emergencies the City of Albany will temporarily suspend collection of recyclables for the duration of the snow emergency. We now require all residents whose normal recycling pickup falls on a day a snow emergency is in effect that they hold their recycling until the following week's pickup.**

Trash pickup will be collected and should be put out as usual.

Question 3-

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

- A** ❖ Normal parking rules and regulations are temporarily suspended in the city.
- ❖ 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. **Plows will proceed to plow and remove snow on the odd side of the street for that 24-hour period.**
- ❖ 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 allowed on the even side of the street. Parking there will result in your vehicle being ticketed and towed. **(At this point plows will plow and remove snow from the even side of the street for that 24-hour period.)**
- ❖ 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 4-

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

- A** **If your vehicle has been towed you must go to:**
Albany Police Department, Traffic Safety Division
526 Central Avenue, (518) 458-5676

Citizen's responsibilities to reclaim their vehicle.

1. You must be the registered owner of the vehicle or have a notarized letter of permission from the owner of the vehicle to claim the vehicle.
2. You must have a valid drivers license.
3. You must also be prepared to pay any outstanding parking tickets for the vehicle.

When all of these responsibilities are met you will receive a release for your vehicle and be advised as to where your car has been towed. You are then free to go to that company and pay them for the tow. You do not pay for the towing fee at Traffic Safety nor are any vehicles towed there.

Question 8-

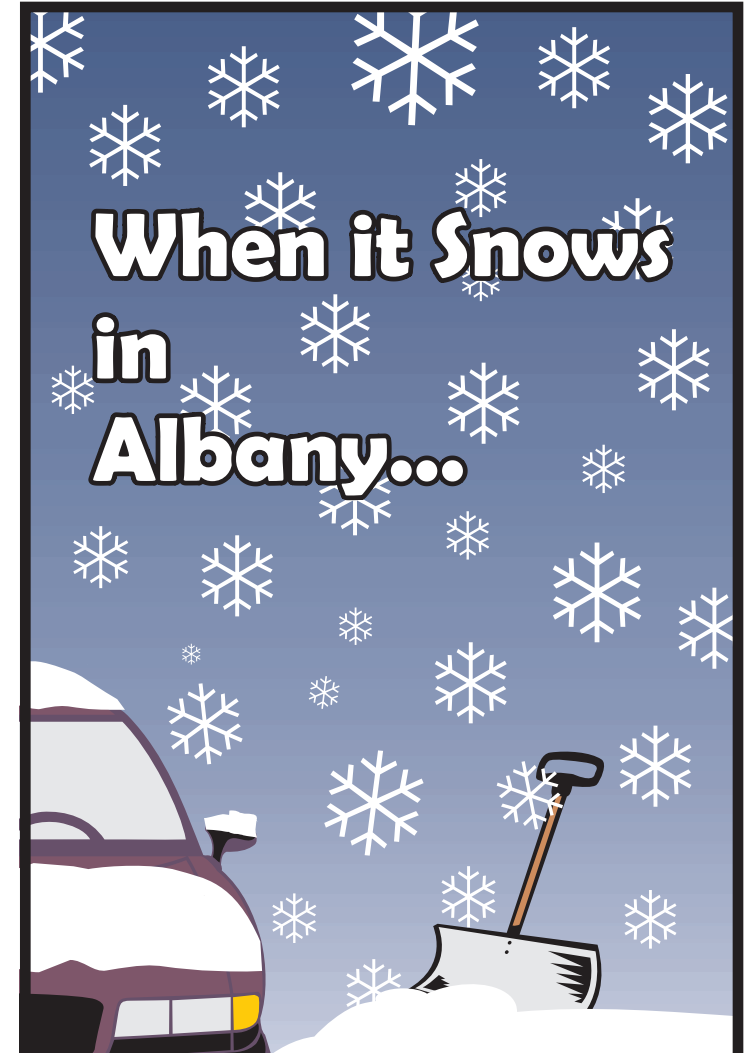
What do I do if I am physically unable to shovel my property?

- A** Consider hiring a student or using a volunteer service if you are a senior citizen.
- * If you do plan to shovel, start slow and continue at a slow pace (Suggestion: shovel for 5-7 minutes and rest 2-3 minutes). Shoveling snow is 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.

Question 9-

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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*A Guide for Residents
& Visitors of The City Albany*

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