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## **City of Cleveland Prepared for Forecasted Winter Weather**

**CLEVELAND** – The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory beginning Wednesday evening through 10 a.m. Thursday. Mixed precipitation is expected with 2-5 inches of snow and a light coating of ice. On Thursday evening, lake effect snow is expected to begin along with cold air and low wind chill temperatures continuing into Friday morning.

The City of Cleveland remains prepared for changing weather conditions. The Division of Streets is staffed 24 hours a day with workers monitoring the Automated Vehicle Locator system, which allows the city to track its fleets and be more efficient in the systematic snow removal operations. The City plans to have 44 plows clearing roads overnight Wednesday. In addition, the Division of Streets has 12 tons of salt and 20,000 gallons of liquid deicer.

A parking ban may be issued if snow reaches two inches or more. To view all streets that may be affected by a snow emergency parking ban, visit <https://bit.ly/2Q5MxIy>

All City Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Centers (NRRCs) will be open and may be used as a warming location during regular operating hours. NRRCs are open weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### **Winter Weather Preparedness Tips**

**CodeRED:** Stay informed about emergencies by signing up for CodeRED or installing the free app on the Apple or Google Play app stores. It is simple and easy to access. [Click on this link](#) and follow the instructions to subscribe by email.

**Don't Block the Box:** Ensure you can move all the way through an intersection before the traffic signal changes. Stopping in the middle of an intersection prohibits oncoming vehicles from passing and can result in gridlock. In addition, blocking the box can prevent the passage of emergency vehicles such as police cars, fire trucks and ambulances. Be aware of traffic control officers who may be outside on the street directing traffic.

**Check Emergency Supply Kits:** Have extra winter clothes, sufficient food and water, extra batteries, flashlights and a battery-powered or hand-crank radio? What about medications, toys for the kids, pet food, and copies of important information such as numbers for your local utilities? While checking on your supplies, take time to check on your neighbors and the elderly. Ensure that all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.

**Take personal precautions and check on the vulnerable:** Cold weather may put a strain on your heart. Follow your doctor's advice about shoveling snow or other strenuous outdoor activities. Many injuries result from falls on ice-covered surfaces. Keep steps and walkways clean and free of ice. Infants and the elderly are most at risk for cold-related illness. Keep in touch with elderly or at-risk neighbors or relatives, making sure they are safe and that their homes are adequately heated.

**Dress appropriately in the cold:** Almost all cases of hypothermia and frostbite are preventable. If you must be outside, dress appropriately: wear loose fitting layers to provide overall body warmth, a hat, scarf, mittens and boots will provide additional protection from the elements. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs. Keep dry and change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. If you suspect hypothermia or frostbite, call 911 immediately. If possible, protect the person from further exposure to the cold, remove any wet clothing and warm without rubbing the affected areas.

**Pay attention to snow emergency parking bans:** If snow accumulation exceeds 2 inches or more, a Snow Emergency Parking Ban may be enacted. The ban allows plows sufficient time to remove snow and ice and move through city streets at a good pace. When a snow ban goes into effect, stopping, standing, and parking of vehicles will be restricted and prohibited on City streets with posted red and white signs. Anyone who fails to comply will be ticketed and towed.

**Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather:** Move animals to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

### **Information and Numbers to Keep in Mind**

If you are experiencing a water main break on your street, please call Cleveland Water 216-664-3060. For a power outage, contact Cleveland Public Power at 216-664-3156.

### **About the City of Cleveland**

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