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City of Cleveland Ready for Winter Weather Conditions

CLEVELAND – The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning from now through 10 a.m. on Wednesday. As winter arrives early, the City of Cleveland remains prepared for changing weather conditions. The Department of Public Works is equipped with 56 snow plows and more than 25,000 tons of salt to clear 1,200 center lane miles of street throughout Cleveland. In addition to these resources, 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. [Click here](#) to watch Public Works Director Michael Cox give a brief overview of snow removal operations for this winter.

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

Warming Centers

All recreation centers are open and may be used as a warming location during their regular operating hours.

Winter Weather Preparedness Tips:

- **CodeRED:** Winter weather brings many challenges for our citizens and in order to stay informed of emergencies during this winter season, the City encourages everyone to sign up for CodeRED or to install the free app on the Apple or Google Play 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 through that intersection 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:** Do you have extra winter clothes, sufficient food and water, extra batteries, flashlights and a battery 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 own supplies, take some time to check on your neighbors and the elderly. Ensure that all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home are working properly.
- **Take personal precautions and check on the vulnerable:** The cold weather may put a strain on your heart. Follow your doctor's advice about shoveling snow or other strenuous work. 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 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 other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water. Don't forget or skip planning and preparing for your animals! For concerns about pets outside in extreme weather, please call **216-664-3069**.

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