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## Winter Parking Regulations Begin Friday, December 1

*Milwaukee residents need to be aware of winter parking regulations*

Just as DPW continues to prepare for a new winter season, City of Milwaukee residents should also make preparations regarding winter parking regulations. Here's how:

- Residents should check their streets for posted winter parking rules. **Posted parking rules take precedence.**
- But as not all streets are posted with winter parking signage, residents should also go online at [milwaukee.gov/winterregs](http://milwaukee.gov/winterregs) for more information.
- Another resource for parking questions and assistance is the City's Call Center at (414) 286-CITY (-2489).
- Residents who park on 48-hour exception streets can still park on both sides of the street **UNLESS** a DPW Operation is called. This can happen any time of the year, such as April and May weather events.
- When a DPW Operation is called, residents throughout the City of Milwaukee must park their cars on the even side of the street on even days, and the odd side of the street on odd days beginning at 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. the next morning. This includes residents who park on 48-hour exception streets.
- Continue to alternate parking from side to side until the DPW Operation is cancelled.

Finally, vehicle owners can sign up to receive Snow Mobile text and email messages alerting them when a DPW Operation is called or a Snow Emergency is declared. To sign up, go to [milwaukee.gov/mpw](http://milwaukee.gov/mpw).

When motorists follow winter parking rules, DPW crews can plow and clear city streets more effectively, efficiently, and safely.

### DPW Glossary of Winter Events

#### **Winter Regulated Streets**

No overnight parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. is allowed on through highways and mass transit (bus) routes from **December 1 to March 1**. In case of a "Snow Emergency" prior to December 1 or after March 1, vehicles must be moved to a side street and must be legally parked in conformity with all other regulations on the proper side of the street. For information on Winter Regulated Streets, go to [milwaukee.gov/winterregs](http://milwaukee.gov/winterregs).

#### **A DPW Operation**

On all streets that allow overnight parking, including streets that allow two-sided parking (and on Winter Regulated Streets prior to December 1 or after March 1), alternate side parking is required between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. when a DPW Operation is called. Alternate side parking means parking on the odd side for an odd date using the date before midnight and on the even side for an even date. **Always follow posted signs, as they take precedence.**

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### **Snow Emergency**

A snow emergency may be declared by the Commissioner of Public Works (in consultation with the Mayor) to assist in snow clearing efforts. This is normally done during heavy snowfalls or when snow combines with high winds that produce blizzard conditions. Such an emergency is declared for a period of 72 hours or until such earlier time as snow plowing operations have been declared completed by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Any vehicles parked on major emergency arteries in violation of "Snow Route Tow-Away Zone" and "Temporary No Parking Tow Away" signs, or found to be obstructing traffic during a "Snow Emergency", will be towed at owner's expense. There are no exceptions.

During snow emergencies, Milwaukee Public Schools has designated several of their school playgrounds citywide that are available for parking from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and during designated cleanup periods. Cars not removed by 7:00 a.m. each morning of a declared snow emergency are subject to ticketing and towing. [Click here for MPS locations.](#)

The alternate side parking rule (odd days/odd side, even days/even side) is also in effect from 11:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. until the emergency is cancelled.

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#### Remember:

- To get information on when a DPW Operation is called, or a Snow Emergency is declared - sent directly to your computer, tablet, cell phone or other mobile device quickly - sign up for a Snow Mobile text or email alert: [milwaukee.gov/mpw](http://milwaukee.gov/mpw).
- Follow DPW on Facebook (@milwaukeedpw) and Twitter (@milwaukeedpw)
- Check the DPW website at [milwaukee.gov/snow](http://milwaukee.gov/snow) for updates
- Tune in to local media outlets
- Call (414) 286-CITY (-2489)

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