

Snow Emergency/Parking Ban

In the event of a Snow Emergency/Parking Ban, the Department of Public Works makes every effort to notify residents of, and visitors to, Brookline.

To stay informed:

- Call the Seasonal Information Line at 617.730.2160 and listen to the recorded message.
- Visit brooklinema.gov and check under Latest News
- Sign up for texts, calls, or emails from BrookONline
- Follow @townofbrookline on twitter
- Like Town of Brookline Public Works on facebook
- Watch WBZ-TV Channel 4, WCVB-TV Channel 5, and WHDH-TV Channel 7
- Cable subscribers can watch for BATV, the Town's local access station on Channel 24 (Comcast), or Channel 13 (RCN)
- Listen to WBZ News Radio 1030

Parking Ban Reminders

Parking on the streets of Brookline, including metered spaces, is forbidden during a declared Snow Emergency. Vehicles parked on any Brookline street during this time are subject to towing in order to allow for the safe and efficient removal of snow, and to maintain access routes for emergency vehicles.

As always, there is no overnight parking on the streets of Brookline.



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Brookline Property
Owners, Businesses, and
Residents



Brookline Department
of Public Works

It's the LAW!

In 1987, Brookline Town Meeting voted a Bylaw to requiring property owners to “maintain sidewalks contiguous to their property in a non-slippery condition suitable for pedestrian travel by clearing all snow and ice from a pathway at least thirty-six (36) inches in width”. The Town of Brookline continues to enforce this bylaw to ensure the safe passage of pedestrians within the Town.

Single family and residential buildings occupied by less than five families, must comply with this bylaw within 30 hours of a storm's end. Multi-family property owners, and businesses, must comply within 3 hours. If you fail to comply with the Town's sidewalk bylaw, you could be issued fines ranging from \$50-\$250.00 per day.

Property & Business Owners

- Maintain all sidewalks abutting your property or business in a non-slippery condition free of ice and snow.
- If you are out of town, or are unable to clear ice and snow due to physical limitations, please be sure to have someone else prepared to maintain the sidewalk for you.
- Clear openings at intersections and crosswalks so pedestrians can cross safely.
- Always have a supply of ice-melt (CaCl_2 or KCL) on hand and apply frequently to prevent snow from packing down and forming ice.
- Whenever possible, please assist your Public Safety Departments by clearing catch basins and snow covered fire hydrants adjacent to your property. Every second counts during an emergency.

Trash & Recycling

To keep your trash and recycling service running smoothly during snow season, follow the tips below:

- DO shovel a path for your recycling cart and trash barrel
- DO keep these containers off patches of ice for safety
- DO make sure recycling carts and trash barrels are clear of snow
- DO put your cart and trash barrel as close to the street as possible – not behind snow banks. Carts will not be picked up behind snow banks!
- DO leave a 4' space on either side of your barrel and recycling cart allowing easy access by our trucks automated arms.
- DON'T put loose recycling around cart. All recycling must be placed in cart for pickup.
- DON'T place your cart behind a snow bank for pickup. It will not be picked up!

Please Do This



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NOT THIS



Department of Public Works

The DPW clears snow and ice from approximately 250 miles of roadway, and 40 miles of sidewalk. DPW is responsible for the clearing of snow from 10 public schools, 20 municipal parking lots, as well as all public parks and paths. Snow plowing operations remain underway until all roadways are cleared adequately for the safety of the traveling public.

Immediately after a storm, snow banks are pushed back to the curb line in order to provide for adequate storage space for future storms. Please consider this timetable when clear your driveway, front walkway, and sidewalks, so that you may not be disappointed when a snowplow passes by after the snow has stopped falling.

Shovel Our Snow

Shovel Our Snow, sponsored by Brookline Recreation, provides Brookline residents the opportunity to hire students who are available to assist with snow removal during the winter storms. As this is a referral program, it is the responsibility of the home owner and/or student (or their parent) to negotiate the details for their commitment with regards to time, amount of space to be cleared and compensation for the work. Students are available not available during school hours. To register and for more information, call 617.730.2069 or visit brooklinerec.com.

Report a Problem

To report an unplowed or icy street, or an unshoveled or icy sidewalk, please call our Seasonal Information Line: 617.730.2610, 24 hours a day or visit us on the web at brooklinema.gov