

## OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN

*(Lexington Code 192-23) It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other than one acting in an emergency, to park said vehicle on any street or any municipal off-street parking area for a period of time longer than one hour between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day except in official governmental capacity.*

*(Lexington Code 192-8, D, 1) It is the policy of the town to establish parking limitations during snow and ice events, overnight parking during winter months and a towing policy for vehicles that are impeding plowing or sanding operations.*

Commencing December 1 through April 1, regardless of weather conditions, the Lexington Police Department strictly enforces the provisions of the "[All-Night Parking Ban](#)". Failure to comply with these regulations will subject violators to a fine or towing at the owner's expense.

More information is available on the Town of Lexington website: [www.lexingtonma.gov](http://www.lexingtonma.gov).

- For Town Bylaws go to: Online Services, [Code of Lexington](#).
- For Snow Policy go to: Town Government, Departments, [Highways](#).



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
COOPERATION.**

**BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE WILL  
MINIMIZE INCONVENIENCE AND  
MAXIMIZE SAFETY IN COPING WITH  
WINTER WEATHER.**

**William P. Hadley  
Director of Public Works**

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# Town of Lexington



Department of Public Works

## Winter Storm Information

Operation Hours:  
Mon - Fri: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Phone: 781-274-8300  
Fax: 781-274-8385

**Emergency Only: 781-862-1618  
(Please use when office is closed)**

## **SNOW AND ICE CONTROL POLICY**

The goal of the Lexington Public Works Department (DPW) is to remove snow and ice from our roadways as rapidly and efficiently as possible while keeping the roads open and essential traffic moving safely. Each storm develops with different factors that include temperature, wind, moisture content, snow accumulation per hour and duration. The aim is to return roads to safe winter conditions as soon as possible. With the proper use of storm forecasts, personnel, equipment and materials, the desired results should be attained. Flexibility is needed to adapt to the variety of circumstances and conditions during each snow and ice event.

## **PRIORITY OF OPERATIONS**

During a lighter snowfall, every main street, sub-main, and residential street will be cleared of snow throughout the duration of the storm; a minimum of once every few hours. During a heavier snowfall, the focus of clearing roadways will be on main streets first, sub-mains second and residential streets third. Each route is assigned necessary equipment depending on the amount of snowfall. The roadways will be made as safe as possible for vehicular traffic and emergency vehicles.

## **PLOWING OPERATIONS**

When snow accumulation is predicted, sanders are dispatched to pre-treat mains and some sub-mains prior to a storm event. The Town's sanders are assigned a plow route, but can be dispatched to other routes in the event that additional sand or salt is needed in localized areas. The Town is divided into three sections, which are assigned to the Highway, Water/Sewer, and the Public Grounds Divisions. DPW is responsible for plowing school parking lots, school driveways and Town parking lots.

The Department of Public Facilities is responsible for the sidewalks and walkways immediately around Schools, Town Hall, Cary Hall, Police Station, Cary Library, Visitors Center and the Public Services Building.

## **SANDING OPERATIONS**

If there is an ice or snow event with little or no

accumulation expected, the assigned superintendent along with the Police Department will monitor the roadways for problems. Salt and sanding operation will begin and end as conditions warrant.

## **GENERAL SIDEWALK CLEARING**

The Town commences clearing of six sidewalk plow routes at the end of the storm event. These sidewalk routes are designated as walking routes by the School Department. In any storm event, the major walking routes will be cleared within 24 hours, but every effort is made to have all six routes cleared within 48 hours after the storm ends.

## **RESIDENTIAL SIDEWALKS**

While Lexington's Bylaws do not require sidewalks to be cleared in residential neighborhoods, residents are strongly encouraged to shovel the walks adjacent to their property to ensure safe pedestrian passage.

## **COMMERCIAL SIDEWALKS**

*(General Bylaw Chapter 100.3 A) "No owner or agent having charge of any building or lot of land abutting on a sidewalk within all commercial and industrial districts as defined in § 135-2 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Lexington shall place or permit or suffer to remain for more than four hours between sunrise and sunset any snow or ice upon such sidewalks which impedes the orderly flow or safety of pedestrian traffic upon such sidewalks, unless such ice is made even and covered with sand or some like material to prevent slipping."*

DPW clears Lexington Center sidewalks during each storm event. Thereafter, businesses are responsible for subsequent clearing of ice or snow and application of a melting agent.

## **WHERE CAN I PUT THE SNOW?**

Residents and businesses are reminded not to shovel, blow or throw snow onto the streets or pile it blocking the sidewalks. Snow in these locations will create a hazard. Please remind your contractors as well.

*(General Town Bylaw Chapter 100.3 B states in part) "No person shall lay, throw, or place or*

*cause to be placed any ice or snow on that portion of any street or sidewalk within the Town which has been cleared or plowed for travel."*

## **HINTS FOR COPING WITH STORMS**

- Whenever possible, it is best to pile snow to the right of the driveway (as you face the street) to reduce the potential of having it redeposited at the driveway opening when the plow passes.
- When clearing driveways, snow should be kept on the owner's property or tree lawn/grass strip. Snow should not be deposited onto the street or sidewalk.
- In order to avoid doing twice the work, shovel the driveway after the storm has passed and the street has been cleared.
- Rarely is the collection of trash and recyclables interrupted due to a winter storm. However, bundles of newspapers and recycling bins may become buried in the snow. If a storm is predicted, please consider keeping the recyclables for collection on your next recycle day.
- Prevent street flooding by clearing catch basins near your home allowing rain or melting snow to enter the drainage system.
- In the interest of safety, do not pile or plow snow to obstruct a fire hydrant. Consider "adopting" a hydrant by shoveling and clearing the hydrant in your neighborhood.

## **PLOW DAMAGE**

Any plow damage occurrences must be reported to DPW no later than **May 1**.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Contact the Human Services Department at the Lexington Senior Center at (781) 861-0194 for information and referral assistance regarding doorway and driveway clearing.

## **SNOW PILE REMOVAL**

On occasion, it may be necessary to remove snow piles from business districts and municipal parking lots. When snow removal is scheduled or in progress, temporary "Snow Removal—No Parking" signs will be posted.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE LEXINGTON PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION AT (781) 274-8300, OPTION # 1**