

# Preparations for Winter Weather

Following is an overview of the Town's winter preparedness plans. **To report emergencies, call 911. To report non-life-threatening situations, call 301-279-8000.**

## Street Snow/Ice Removal

The Town's maintenance crew and contractor will remove snow from Town streets and will treat icy road conditions. The Town begins plowing and spreading salt and sand when 2 inches of snow has accumulated on the streets. Plow crews operate continually until the streets are clear.



## Parking in Snow or Icy Conditions

In the event or threat of a snowstorm or icy road conditions, either day or night, residents must park cars either in driveways or on the even-numbered side of the street to ensure safe passage for the snow removal crews. Please do not park cars on the odd-numbered side of the street, unless otherwise posted.

## Sidewalk Snow Removal

The Town's contractor will remove snow from Town sidewalks if accumulations total 6 inches or more. In icy conditions, the Town will determine whether to salt and sand public sidewalks. Clearing snow from private walkways and driveways is the responsibility of the homeowner. The Town website lists several companies that offer snow removal services.

## Trees

Report downed trees to the police by calling 911 for emergencies or 301-279-8000 for non-emergencies. Town staff and contractors will survey the Town following significant winter storms. The arborist will identify any damage to Town trees and notify the Town's tree maintenance contractor for remediation.

## Power Outages & Power Lines

Please report power outages and downed power lines directly to PEPCO at 1-877-PEPCO-62 (1-877-737-2662).

## Water & Gas Service

To report a water or sewer line break, sewer back-up or stoppage, or fire hydrant leak, call the WSSC Emergency line at 301-206-4002. To report a gas leak or other gas emergency, call Washington Gas at 703-750-1400.

## Fire Hydrants

The Town installs fire hydrant flags during the winter months. These flags help identify hydrant locations in emergency situations during significant winter storms.

## Communications

The Town will use voicemail, the Town website, Town Crier, Alert TOCC, Twitter and Facebook to communicate with residents during winter storms. We will attempt to relay



Town service interruptions in a timely way, preferably on the day prior to any anticipated interruptions. Please visit the Town website to sign up for Town Crier and Alert TOCC messages and to access the Town's Facebook and Twitter pages.

## Office Coverage

During significant winter storms, Town staff may not be able to maintain a presence in the Town office. However, staff has the capability to monitor voicemail and e-mail remotely as well as to update the Town's voicemail and website and to send Town Crier and Alert TOCC messages.

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## Neighbor to Neighbor

We encourage all residents to reach out to their neighbors, especially elderly neighbors, during weather emergencies.