

City of Portland Winter Information

Everything you need to know about parking bans and your sidewalk clearing responsibilities during the winter season.



HOW TO CONNECT WITH THE CITY THIS WINTER:

Parking Ban Information Line: 879-0300

www.portlandmaine.gov

Public Works Customer Service: 874-8493

What are my responsibilities with clearing snow/ice from the sidewalks in front of my home or business?

There are over 400 miles of sidewalks in the City of Portland and we need your help keeping them cleared of snow and ice this winter. While the City has rules in place (City ordinance Chapter 25, Sections 170-180) requiring property owners to remove ice and snow from their sidewalks within 24 hours after the City has finished its plowing operations following a snow storm, it's more about **neighbors helping neighbors**. Your emergency response personnel, mail carriers, school children and pedestrians young and old alike really count on your cooperation with this ordinance. Important note: The City's Parks and Recreation Department clears ice and snow from 80 miles of sidewalks in the City located on school walking routes. Please visit our website at www.portlandmaine.gov for a list of sidewalks areas cleared by Parks and Recreation or call their office at 874-8793.

Parks and Recreation staff will monitor the sidewalks along the City's school walking routes.

Please Note! Residential property owners/managers have 24 hours to clear sidewalks of snow and ice. Businesses have 12 hours to clear and treat sidewalks. If a property owner/ manager does not remove snow/ice from the sidewalk and the City receives a complaint, the Building Inspections Division will post a notice of violation on the property. *If the snow or ice still is not cleared within 24 hours after the notice, the City's Public Works Dept will clear the sidewalk and bill the owner/manager for the cost of snow removal plus an administrative fee.* The estimated minimum cost will be no less than \$100 per storm. In addition, the City may impose fines for violating the ordinance.

Enforcement priorities for winter sidewalk concerns

Our Inspections Division enforces the winter sidewalk ordinance but with over 400 miles of sidewalks in the City, enforcement priorities have been established to concentrate our resources within high pedestrian traffic areas:

- Sidewalks located within the peninsula section of the City will be addressed first
- Commercial sidewalks located off peninsula will be addressed second.
- Residential sidewalks located off-peninsula will be addressed third.

In each of these cases, Inspections will be notifying the property owner (via a letter or property visit) if a complaint is received.

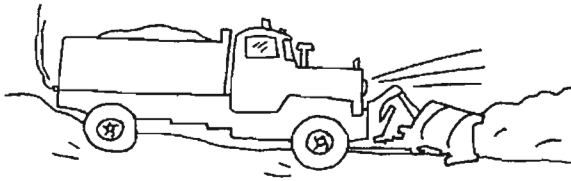
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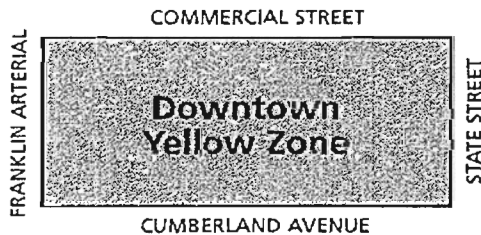
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What is a parking ban?

The City of Portland implements city-wide parking bans when the weather warrants such a declaration. **This means that all vehicles must be off City streets by 10 P.M. that evening through 6 a.m. the following morning.** Vehicles left on city streets after 10 P.M.

the night of a parking ban can be towed at the owner's expense. Parking bans are declared only when necessary and are in place to ensure our streets are clear for the traveling public (including emergency response vehicles). In addition, there are times when the City declares a Yellow Zone parking ban for the downtown area of the City. When a yellow zone ban is declared, parking is prohibited in the downtown area of the city between 10 P.M. and 6 a.m. the following morning. The downtown area includes:



Yellow Zone bans are declared to remove snow from the downtown area of the City.

How do I find out if there is a parking ban?

- Call our City Information Line at 879-0300.
- Log onto our web site at www.portlandmaine.gov for parking ban announcements AND to sign up for automatic e-mail notification of a parking ban.
- Listen to radio OR television broadcasts.
- View several illuminated "Parking Ban In Effect" signs located at several intersections leading into the City.
- Time and Temperature sign will flash PARK BAN when a parking ban is declared.

Where can I park during a ban?

- Deering Oaks-On the left hand side of the Tennis Court Road only.
- State Street gravel lot abutting Deering Oaks.
- Fitzpatrick Stadium parking lot. (lot between Ice Arena and EXPO is NOT available for use during parking bans)
- Hadlock Field parking lot.
- All Portland Public School parking lots EXCEPT the lot at Reiche School which abuts the school and playground.
- Cutter Street lots (off the Eastern Prom)
- Beach Street lot accessible From Commercial Street. **THIS LOT AVAILABLE AFTER 8 P.M.**
- The parking lot across the street from the International Marine Terminal (corner of Park and Commercial Streets).
- Many parking garages in the area are open for parking bans at reduced rates. Please check under "Parking Facilities" in the yellow pages of the phone book.

Vehicles can enter these lots beginning at 5 P.M. the night a ban is declared. Vehicles must be removed from these parking lots by 7 a.m. the morning the parking ban is lifted. All parking bans end at 6 a.m. so vehicles must be moved from these lots by 7 a.m. that same morning.

What if my car is towed during a ban?

During a City Wide parking ban, all vehicles are towed to our impound lot now located at the International Marine Terminal parking lot (on Commercial Street next to Casco Bay Bridge). Phone: 774-3025

- The tow fee is \$65.00
- Impound fee is \$25.00
- Ticket is \$30.00
- All unpaid tickets must also be paid
- The phone # of the snow impoundment lot is 774-3025

If your vehicle is towed during a yellow zone ban, please call the Portland Police Department at 874-8575.

