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P R E S S R E L E A S E

City of New Bedford prepares for blizzard on Thursday, Jan. 4

Emergency parking ban, City offices/facilities and public schools closed, changes to trash collection schedule, free sand pick-up locations

New Bedford, Massachusetts-- The National Weather Service has issued a Blizzard Warning for Southeastern Massachusetts including Bristol County and New Bedford in effect from 1:00 a.m. on Thursday morning to 1:00 a.m. on Friday morning. The National Weather Service predicts blizzard conditions, making travel during the storm very dangerous. Total snow accumulations of 7 to 10 inches, with localized amounts up to 14 inches, are currently expected. Winds gusting as high as 60 to 70 miles per hour at times will cause whiteout conditions in blowing snow, and power outages are possible.

Citywide Snow Emergency Parking Ban Effective 12 midnight tonight

In preparation for the approaching snowstorm, the City of New Bedford has announced a citywide snow emergency parking ban to take effect at **12 midnight tonight**. The parking ban will be strictly enforced and will remain in effect for 48-hours thereafter, unless lifted or further extended by City officials. The parking ban is designed to allow City workers to efficiently remove snow from New Bedford roadways to permit public safety vehicles and residents to travel safely.

While the snow emergency parking ban is in effect, parking is **permitted on the north side** of all streets going east and west, and is **permitted on the east side** of all streets going north and south. The permitted side of the street is typically the side opposite of the fire hydrants.

Please note that on streets which are normally posted for parking on one side of the street only, residents are to obey the signs as usual.

Vehicles should never be parked within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant or twenty (20) feet from a corner as required by law, regardless of whether a snow ban is in effect, or not.

Double-sided Parking Ban Areas

To increase public safety during storm events, two years ago the areas designated for a double-sided parking ban were expanded to include sections of five new streets (listed below), in addition to the Downtown and Acushnet Avenue Business Districts where a double-sided ban has been in place in years past.

The new street sections were selected because they are major routes for ambulances, school buses, and SRTA buses, and have a history of large vehicles being unable to successfully navigate due to the narrowness of the street.

During a snow emergency parking ban, no parking is therefore permitted on either side of the street in the following areas:

- Downtown Business District: Downtown New Bedford between Walnut Street northerly to the Octopus and County Street easterly to JFK Boulevard
- Acushnet Avenue Business District: Acushnet Avenue, Coggeshall Street to Tarkiln Hill Road
- Ashley Boulevard (from Nash Road to Coggeshall Street)
- County Street (from Union Street to Sawyer Street)
- Kempton Street (from Rockdale Avenue to Pleasant Street)
- Mill Street (from Rockdale Avenue to Pleasant Street)
- Cottage Street (Union Street to Durfee Street)

Map and information on parking bans are available at: <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/traffic/snow-bans/>

Violations of the snow emergency parking ban will be subject to ticketing at \$50 per ticket and towing at full cost to the owner of the vehicle towed. The vehicle owner is also responsible for the full cost of storage for any towed vehicle.

The City of New Bedford has designated the following areas as preferred parking areas for those residents in need of off-street parking while the emergency snow parking ban is in effect:

- Victory Park – Brock Avenue
- Hazelwood Park – Brock Avenue
- Cove Street Parking Lot – Cove Street and Morton Court
- Orchard Street at Camara Soccer Field
- Buttonwood Park Parking Area – Hawthorn Street Side and Lake Street Side
- Former St. Mary's Home – Entrance on Mill Street
- Coggeshall Street Parking Lot – Coggeshall Street and Acushnet Avenue
- Sawyer Street Parking Lot – Between Sawyer Street and Beetle Street
- Brooklawn Park Parking Area – Brooklawn Street (South Side)
- Riverside Park Lot – Coffin Avenue
- Coffin Avenue Lot- Across from Taber Mills Apartments
- Former AVX site on Belleville Avenue at Hadley Street
- Former Phillips Avenue School – 249 Phillips Avenue
- Elm Street Garage
- Zeiterion Garage – 688 Purchase Street
- New Bedford High School – 230 Hathaway Boulevard
- Keith Middle School – 225 Hathaway Boulevard
- Normandin Middle School – 81 Felton Street
- Roosevelt Middle School – 119 Fredrick Street

- Charles S Ashley Elementary School – 122 Rochambeau Street
- Elizabeth Carter Brooks Elementary School – 212 Nemasket Street
- Elwyn G Campbell Elementary School – 145 Essex Street
- Sgt Wm H Carney Academy Elementary School – 247 Elm Street
- Lot at intersection of Elm and Cottage (Southeast Corner)
- James B Congdon Elementary School – 50 Hemlock Street
- John B DeValles Elementary School – 120 Katherine Street
- Alfred J Gomes Elementary School – 286 South Second Street
- Ellen R Hathaway Elementary School – 256 Court Street
- Hayden/McFadden Elementary School – 361 Cedar Grove Street
- Horatio A Kempton Elementary School – 135 Shawmut Avenue
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary School – 445 Ashley Boulevard
- Carlos Pacheco Elementary School – 261 Mt. Pleasant Street
- John Avery Parker Elementary School – 705 County Street
- Casimir Pulaski Elementary School – 1097 Braley Road
- Thomas R Rodman Elementary School – 497 Mill Street
- William H Taylor Elementary School – 620 Brock Avenue
- SEA LAB/John Hannigan Elementary School – 91 Portland Street
- Jireh Swift Elementary School – 2203 Acushnet Avenue
- Betsey B Winslow Elementary School – 561 Allen Street

Sand Available to City Residents at Various Locations

The Department of Public Infrastructure has made sand available to city residents at many locations throughout the city. Residents are advised to bring their own small container to collect the sand at any of the following locations:

- Norfolk St & Acushnet Ave
- Toby St & Acushnet Ave
- Manila St & Acushnet Ave
- Fire Station #5 –Acushnet Ave
- Phillips Rd & Pine Hill Dr
- Welby Rd, North Side, Between Two Buildings
- Essex St & Phillips Rd, Campbell School
- Saint Theresa's Church – Acushnet Ave
- Balls Corner, Mill Rd & Belleville Ave
- Saint Mary's School/Church –Illinois St
- Tarkiln Hill Rd & Acushnet Ave
- Police Station #3 – Ashley Blvd
- Wilks Library –Acushnet Ave & Princeton St
- Ashley Blvd & Princeton St
- Belleville Rd & Hope St
- Mount Pleasant St on Nash Rd Side (in place)
- Fire Station –Davis St & Acushnet Ave
- Deane St & Ashley Blvd
- Bullard St & Acushnet Ave
- Shawmut Diner, Between the Driveways
- Acushnet Ave & Sawyer St
- Sawyer St & Mount Pleasant St
- Beetle St & North Front St
- Beetle St & N. Front St
- Coggeshall St & Ashley Blvd
- Coggeshall & Purchase St

- 10 Kilburn St
- Purchase St & Logan St
- Rockdale Ave & Granit St
- Linden St & County St, South Side of Linden St
- Fire Station #7 –Durfee St & Cottage St
- Durfee St & Shawmut Ave
- Red Cross, Rockdale Ave & Durfee St
- Purchase St & Wamsutta Ave
- Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Studley St & Summer St, On West Side
- Merrimac St & County St
- 1554 Purchase St, Fire Repair
- Pleasant St & Pope St
- Parker St & County St, East Side of County St
- Parker St & Rockdale Ave
- Pleasant St & Pearl St
- Purchase St & Campbell St
- Cottage St & Campbell St
- Sycamore St & State St
- County St & Sycamore St
- Pleasant St, Rear Lot of Fire Prevention
- Maxfield St & Pleasant St
- E.M.T.S. Chancery St, Inside Parking Area
- S.E.C. Summer St & Hillman St
- Ash St & Hillman St
- Fire Station #2 –Pleasant St
- County St & North St
- Pope's Island Marina
- Third District Court, North Side of Kempton St
- Liberty St & Kempton St
- Pleasant St & Middle St
- South Sixth St & Middle St
- County St & Middle St
- Elm St Garage, On Acushnet Ave
- Buttonwood Library
- Pier 3 –Visitors Center
- South Water & Hamilton St
- William St & Acushnet Ave, Custom House Square
- City Hall, Pleasant St Side
- Centre St & Front St
- Market St & Sixth St
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- School St & Purchase St
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- School St & County St
- Walnut St & Acushnet Ave
- Maple St & Atlantic St
- Maple St & Reed St

- Madison St & County St
- Fire Museum, Bedford St & Sixth St
- Page St & Bedford St
- Wing St & Acushnet Ave
- Wing St & County St
- Fair St & County St
- Fire Station #6, Purchase St
- Thompson St & Crapo St
- County St & Rivet St
- Bonney St & Rivet St
- Bolton St & Rivet St
- Delano St & South First St
- Jouvette St & Bonney St
- Howland Green Library, Driveway, Rodney French Blvd
- Rockdale Ave & Dartmouth St
- Fire Station #11, Brock Ave & Mott St
- Willard St & West Rodney French Blvd
- Clegg Field, Brock Ave
- Brock Ave & Portland St
- Wastewater Treatment Plant, Community Center
- South Rodney French Blvd, Cable Access Building

New Bedford Public Schools – closed Thursday, January 4, 2018

All New Bedford Public Schools and administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, January 4, 2018. Please monitor local media and the New Bedford Public Schools website, www.newbedfordschools.org, for updates.

New Bedford City Offices – Closed Thursday, January 4, 2018

City offices will be closed Thursday, January 4, 2018 including City Hall, the public libraries, senior centers and the Buttonwood Park Zoo. Only City employees designated as essential should report to work.

Delay in Residential Trash Collection

There will be no residential trash collection on Thursday, January 4, 2018. Due to the combination of the recent New Year's Day holiday and the Thursday storm, the remaining trash collection this week by ABC Disposal will take place on a **two-day delay**, as follows:

If your trash is normally collected on Thursday it will be collected on Saturday; if your trash is normally collected on Friday it will be collected on Sunday.

SRTA Services

Given current weather forecasts, the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority plans to operate its routes as conditions allow on Thursday. If service is suspended due to weather conditions, SRTA will make that announcement. Riders should call (508) 999-5211 for information about the status of SRTA services. For more details visit www.srtabus.com.

Sister Rose House to be open for residents in need of shelter

The Sister Rose House (75 Division Street) will remain open for unsheltered residents. For more information, Sister Rose House's phone number is (508) 997-3202.

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Winter Weather Preparedness Tips for Residents and Business Owners

Residents and business owners are advised to review the Winter Weather Tips available on the City webpage <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/emergency-management/winter-storms/> and to take proactive steps to prepare for the major winter storm.

Given the recent cold temperatures, leaving a faucet running lightly to keep water flowing at home can help to limit the chance of freezing pipes.

Obedying the parking ban is key to emergency response as well as snow plows. Wide streets make it easier to navigate ambulance and fire apparatus in these types of conditions.

Important Emergency Contact Numbers

- To report a downed power line, gas leak, medical, fire or other emergencies please dial 911.
- Eversource is prepared to address damage and outages resulting from the storm and encourages customers whose electric service is affected to call 1-800-592-2000.
- To report snow removal issues on city streets, residents may contact the Department of Public Infrastructure at (508) 991-6150.
- New Bedford Police Department may also be reached on its Non-emergency line at (508) 991-6350.
- Please visit the City's website at www.newbedford-ma.gov for more information and updates from the City of New Bedford regarding the snowstorm.

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