

Dear Residents,

Pennsylvania is no stranger to winter weather. The City of Scranton is preparing to ensure that residents are safe from snow, ice and extreme cold. Be safe and please help us by looking out for your neighbor's, particularly the elderly and disabled. Snow removal is a strenuous and potentially dangerous task. While the city expects residents to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks of their property, also look to help a neighbor when possible. Follow the rules and guidelines on snow removal and weather safety.

PHASES OF WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY

1. Phase 1: 1"-3" forecasted snow/ice

Standard deployment of snow removal resources.

Salting/plowing as needed.

2. Phase 2: 3"-6" forecasted snow/ice

Salting/plowing as needed.

Emphasis on primary routes.

All DPW vehicles and equipment in plow mode.

3. Phase 3: 6"-10" forecasted snow/ice

Salting/plowing as needed.

Heavy emphasis on emergency routes (those leading to hospitals, nursing homes, schools) and primary routes (main streets/avenues), secondary (side streets) and tertiary (courts/alleys/blinds) routes following accordingly.

All DPW vehicles and equipment in plow mode.

Pre-qualified contractors activated as needed.

4. Phase 4: EMERGENCY 10"+ forecasted snow/ice

Full deployment of snow removal resources.

Primary focus on emergency routes (those leading to hospitals, nursing homes, schools) with primary (main streets/avenues), secondary (side streets) and tertiary (courts/alleys/blinds) routes following accordingly.

Non-emergency travel prohibited.

All DPW vehicles and equipment in plow mode.

Pre-qualified contractors activated as needed.

Scranton Parking Authority provides free parking in garages.

BE PREPARED

Facing a major snow fall or the onset of an emergency begins with preparation. Residents should consider the following stages to ensure their safety:

- Listen to local/national updates and alerts and advisories regarding weather forecasts.
- Prepare personal vehicles for inclement weather, including filling gas tanks and installing proper winter tires.
- Have rock salt, sand and shovels accessible.
- Fill or re-fill vital prescriptions.
- Contact family members or neighbors who may have limited mobility to ensure that they have a plan to evacuate their home in case of cold weather and other extreme conditions.
- Prepare your home for cold weather and other extreme conditions
- Keep a fully charged cell phone and/or computer
- STAY CALM!

WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING THE DECLARED EMERGENCY?

The Mayor has the ability to declare a state of emergency in order to quickly and efficiently move traffic, and to combat the hazards of excessive snow or ice on streets. When a snow emergency is declared, it will be publicly announced using a variety of media outlets.

During this time, City residents and visitors alike are expected to adhere to all ordinances and policies to ensure the safety and well being of all involved.

STAY OFF THE ROADS

In dangerous weather conditions, we ask that you please stay off the roads and limit travel for emergency purposes only.

In closing please remember, when clearing roadways plowing snow across driveways is unavoidable. When shoveling your driveway or parked car, please consider that crews make frequent passes until roads are adequately cleared. Thank you for being patient as crews work in tough conditions to clear roads, bridges, ease traffic and collect trash and recycling.

Wishing you and your family a safe winter.

William L. Courtright, MAYOR