

Snow Removal is Everyone's Job

The Department of Environmental Services Operations Division is responsible for snow removal in the City right of way. Clearing snow from driveways and entrances is the responsibility of the resident. Plow operators focus on clearing streets. They do not have control over the snow coming off the edge of the blade, and their plows cannot be adjusted for the sharp turns required to clear driveways.

Residential Sidewalks

Residents must remove snow/ice from sidewalks surrounding the property 12 hours after snowfall. If the snow falls at night, residents have 12 hours after sunrise to remove it. Snow/ice must not be placed on City streets.

Commercial Sidewalks

Commercial property owners must remove snow/ice from sidewalks surrounding the property six hours after snowfall. If the snow falls at night, businesses have six hours after sunrise to remove it. Snow/ice must not be placed on City streets.

Prepare Your Home for Winter

Make sure your home is properly insulated. If necessary, insulate the walls and attic to reduce your home's power demands for heat. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windowsills to keep cold air out.

Consider buying emergency heating equipment, such as a wood- or coal-burning stove or a kerosene heater. If you have a wood stove, be sure it is properly vented and in good working order and that you dispose of the ashes safely. For a kerosene heater, use only the correct fuel for your unit. Properly ventilate the area of use and refuel the unit outdoors once it has cooled.

Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside to provide an extra layer of insulation to keep cold air out.

Protect your pipes and avoid the unfortunate results of frozen pipes.

Know how to shut off the main water valve and how to shut off and drain outside faucets. Outside faucets are often controlled by a valve inside the home. Keep a wrench near the valves. The main valve is typically located where the water line from the meter enters the house. This can be in the crawl space under your house or in the utility room near the hot-water tank or clothes washer.



Snow Emergency Route Parking Restrictions Reminder

Residents who park along snow emergency routes are reminded to move their vehicles during a City-declared snow emergency. In the case of inclement weather due to snow, the City will announce snow emergency route parking restrictions on the City's emergency broadcast station 1680 AM Radio, www.fallschurchva.gov, local radio and television stations, and Falls Church City Television (Cox Channel 12, RCN Channel 2, Verizon Channel 35). Updates will be posted when restrictions have been lifted.



Snow emergency routes have first priority for salting, sanding, and plowing. Upon completion of clearing these routes, City crews clear all other streets. Traffic signs identify City streets that are snow emergency routes. Vehicles parked on snow emergency routes may be ticketed and towed in order to allow snow removal crews to clear the roads. To view a map of the City's snow emergency routes, visit www.fallschurchva.gov.

The snow emergency routes are:

- Annandale Road from Hillwood Avenue to Broad Street
- Broad Street from Haycock Road to Seven Corners
- Columbia Street from Maple Avenue to Tuckahoe Street
- Great Falls Street from West Street to Washington Street
- Hillwood Avenue from Washington Street to Douglas Avenue
- Lincoln Avenue from West Street to Yucatan Street
- Little Falls Street from Broad Street to Great Falls Street
- Maple Avenue from Annandale Road to Columbia Street
- Park Avenue from West Street to Washington Street
- Roosevelt Street from Hillwood Avenue to Roosevelt Boulevard
- Washington Street from Graham Road to Westmoreland Street
- West Street from Abbott Lane to Great Falls Street.

All routes are posted on both sides of the street except for the following:

- East Columbia Street – Washington Street to north City limits: posted on north side of street, affecting westbound traffic only.
- North West Street – Park Avenue to north City line: posted on northwest side of street, affecting southbound traffic only.
- South West Street – South City limits to Ellison Street: posted on northwest side of street, affecting southbound traffic only.

Keep Your Car Running in the Cold

You can avoid many dangerous winter travel problems by planning ahead. Have maintenance service on your vehicle as often as the manufacturer recommends. In addition:

- Have the radiator system serviced, or check the antifreeze level yourself with an antifreeze tester. Add antifreeze, as needed.
- Replace windshield-wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture.
- Replace worn tires and check the air pressure in the tires.
- During winter, keep the gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

Stay Informed with Alert Falls Church

Get real-time updates and instructions on what to do and where to go during an emergency in Falls Church City, by registering for Falls Church Alert. You will receive alerts from the City via portable electronic devices and e-mail, **only** in the event of an emergency. Sign up for this free service at alert.fallschurchva.gov.

Sign up for e-FOCUS

The *e-FOCUS* is the City's online newsletter that highlights the City's financial, environmental, transportation, economic development, public safety, and housing issues. Check it out or subscribe online at www.fallschurchva.gov.

2010 City Calendar Information

The City will not publish or mail a 2010 Calendar due to budget cuts. A complete list of City events, meetings, closures, and important dates will be available online at www.fallschurchva.gov.

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