What is a snow emergency?

Special parking rules go into effect when a snow emergency is declared to allow all streets in Saint Paul to be plowed to the curb. The City does not plow alleys.

All residents and visitors must move their vehicles off of city streets according to the snow emergency parking rules.

Vehicles that are not parked according to the snow emergency rules will be ticketed and towed up to 96 hours after a snow emergency went into effect.

Always follow all posted signs. Do not park vehicles where signs say “No Parking.”

When is a snow emergency declared?

Many factors are considered before the City of Saint Paul declares a snow emergency, such as air and road temperatures, future weather forecasts, type of precipitation, and accumulation. The City often declares snow emergencies after snowfalls of 3 inches or more.

Saint Paul Public Works declares a snow emergency no later than 3 p.m. to allow time for residents and visitors to move their vehicles.

Get Snow Emergency Alerts!

Call 651-266-PLOW (7569) for a recorded snow emergency message*

Visit stpaul.gov/snow to view a map of where to park to avoid a ticket or tow

Sign up online at stpaul.gov/snow to receive email alerts*

Text “St Paul Snow” to 468311 to receive text alerts*

Follow us @stpaulpublicw and FB.com/CityofSaintPaul

*Available in Spanish, Hmong, and Somali

Questions? For snow emergency information in other languages, visit stpaul.gov/snowlanguages or call 651-266-6100.

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Saint Paul plows more than 1,800 lane miles during the first 24 hours of a snow emergency. That’s the same distance as driving from Saint Paul to Anaheim, CA!

Snow emergencies are declared by 3:00 p.m. and go into effect at 9:00 p.m. After the snow emergency goes into effect, ticketing and towing occur for a total of 96 hours for plowing and clean up efforts.

Vehicles can park on the street once it’s been plowed to the curb.

**NIGHT PLOW RULES**

Snow emergency Night Plow parking rules start at 9 p.m. the evening a snow emergency is declared, and continue until all Night Plow Routes have been plowed to the curb. All of downtown is a Night Plow Route.

Night Plow Routes, except for downtown, are marked with signs “Night Plow Route” or “Night Plow Route This Side of Street.”

Do not park on the side of streets with these signs until that side of the street has been plowed to the curb.

**DAY PLOW RULES**

Snow emergency Day Plow parking rules start at 8 a.m. the day after a snow emergency has been declared, and continue until all Day Plow Routes have been plowed to the curb.

Day Plow Routes are not marked by signs. If there are no “Night Plow” signs posted within the block, then consider it a Day Plow Route.

Always follow posted signs. Do not park vehicles where signs say “No Parking.”

Vehicles can be ticketed and towed up to 96 hours after a snow emergency has gone into effect if they are not moved during the Night and Day Plow Routes, or are parked in locations that have not been plowed.

**If your vehicle is towed during a snow emergency:**

1. Visit stpaul.gov/impound for more information.
2. Call the City’s impound lots to find out which one has your vehicle before going to the lot:
   - 1129 Cathlin Street – 651-603-6895
   - 830 Barge Channel Road – 651-266-5642
3. Bring your keys, proper payment, and required documents: valid driver’s license, proof of insurance, and proof of ownership (title).

**How do I report a vehicle that needs to be towed?**

During the declared snow emergency, call Saint Paul Public Works ticketing office at 651-266-9800 to report a vehicle that has not moved and/or requires a ticket and tow.

After the 96-hour snow emergency, if a vehicle still needs a ticket and tow, call Saint Paul Police Parking Enforcement at 651-291-1111.

**Sign up for snow emergency alerts to your phone or email!**

stpaul.gov/snow

- Alerts when snow emergencies are declared
- A map showing where you can park your car during Night and Day Plow Routes
- Basic snow emergency parking information
- Links to snow emergency information in other languages

**SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARED by 3:00 P.M.**

**9 P.M. - 7 A.M.**

**8 A.M. - 5 P.M.**