

WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY RESOURCE GUIDE



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Welcome from the Mayor

Dear Neighbor,

Winter is officially here and we have already seen our fair share of cold weather. In preparation for possible severe weather, I am pleased to present the City of Pittsburgh Winter Weather Emergency Resource Guide.

The purpose of this guide is to provide vital information about both our routine and emergency snow removal operations, and to present the City's new emergency snow routes. This document will also assist residents in preparing for and responding to severe winter conditions.

The Department of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of more than 1,200 miles of streets throughout Pittsburgh, and for ensuring the safe travel of thousands who live, work and travel through our City. Our commitment during a declared state of emergency is to keep the newly created snow emergency routes cleared and available when travel is deemed necessary.

To accomplish this goal, we ask that you review the information, get to know the city-wide emergency snow routes, and partner with us to keep all involved as safe as possible.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Luke Ravenstahl, Mayor

Phases of Winter Weather Emergency

Public Works places snow events into four categories and will generally respond in the following manner:

- Phase 1: 1" - 3" forecasted snow / ice**
 - Standard deployment of snow removal resources.
 - Salting/plowing as needed.
 - Large equipment assigned to primary routes.
 - Small equipment assigned to secondary routes.
- Phase 2: 3" - 6" forecasted snow / ice**
 - Salting/plowing as needed.
 - Emphasis on primary routes.
 - Small equipment assigned to secondary routes.
 - All DPW vehicles and equipment put into plow mode.
 - Recommend that resident vehicles be moved from side streets and alleys.
- Phase 3: 6" - 10" forecasted snow / ice**
 - Salting/plowing as needed.
 - Heavy emphasis on emergency routes and primary routes; secondary and tertiary routes follow accordingly.
 - All DPW vehicles put into plow mode.
 - Parking restrictions enforced. Citations may be issued to vehicles that pose a danger or impede snow removal efforts.
- Phase 4: EMERGENCY**
10"+ forecasted snow / ice
 - Full deployment of snow removal resources.
 - Primary focus on emergency routes, with primary, secondary and tertiary following accordingly.
 - Non-emergency travel prohibited.
 - Parking restrictions enforced. Citations may be issued to vehicles that pose a danger or impede snow removal efforts.
 - Use of pre-qualified contractors activated as needed.

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 (§ 531.01). 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.

• USE EMERGENCY ROUTES

In cases of EXTREME emergency, only use posted snow emergency routes for travel.

• ADHERE TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Please follow all parking restrictions and limitations.

• OPERATE WINTERIZED VEHICLES ONLY

Only operate vehicles that are winterized and have tires that can navigate through potentially dangerous conditions. Snow tires and/or chains are highly recommended.

Be Prepared

Facing a major snow fall or the onset of an emergency begins with preparation. Residents should consider the following steps 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 homes in an emergency.
- Prepare your home for cold weather and other extreme conditions.
- Keep a fully charged cell phone and/or computer.
- STAY CALM!



For more information about how to prepare a 72-hour all-emergency kit, please visit the City website at: www.pittsburghpa.gov/public-safety/emergencykit.htm.

Where to Go for Help

The following City Community Centers and Senior Centers will be activated as Emergency Snow Warming Centers during a declared emergency:

- Brookline Community Center
1400 Oakridge Street 15226
(412) 571-3222
- Northside Senior Center
Allegheny Square 15212
(412) 323-7239
- Sheraden Senior Center
720 Sherwood Street 15204
(412) 777-5012
- Homewood Senior Center
7321 Frankstown Avenue
15210 (412) 244-4190

* The centers will be open on an as needed basis and may change depending on weather conditions. Please contact 311 for specific hours or visit the City website for more information.

Be Safe

Snow removal is a strenuous and potentially dangerous task. While the city does expect residents to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks of their property, we do encourage our senior and physically challenged populations to solicit assistance from family members and neighbors.

For more information on Emergency Management, please visit the City website at: www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/ps/html/emerg_mgt.html.

Be Aware

- Emergency Snow Routes are posted throughout the City and a detailed map is provided on the back of this document. Changes or updates to these routes will be posted on the city web-site, www.pittsburghpa.gov and local news.
- After a snow emergency has been declared, no person during the period of the emergency, shall park any vehicle on those streets designated and marked as snow emergency routes pursuant to City Code (§ 531.04). Vehicles parked on designated snow emergency routes later than one (1) hour after a snow emergency has been declared by the Mayor shall be deemed to be in violation of City Code.

Call 311...

For normal, non-emergency or routine city services.

Call 911...

- For a life threatening situation.
- For assistance when public safety officers are needed to restore order.
- For fallen trees in the public rights of way.
- For gas leaks.

Call Duquesne Light...

To report a power outage or downed power lines, please call (412) 393-7100.

Never attempt to move lines on your own as it is extremely hazardous.



Please take note of the new Snow Emergency Route signs that have been posted throughout the city.

These routes should primarily be used during a declared state of emergency and will receive priority from DPW during such time.

A detailed map of the Snow Emergency Routes is on the back of this document.

You should know...

Fallen trees on private property are the responsibility of the property owner. The City will only remove a privately owned tree if it is blocking the public rights of way.

Trash collection may be suspended during a declared state of emergency. Please refer to the city web-site and your local news for specific details of when trash collection will resume.

Reminder...

Please do not call 311 during a snow and ice event to request street plowing or salting.

The Department of Public Works will treat every city street based upon a predetermined snow removal routing system.

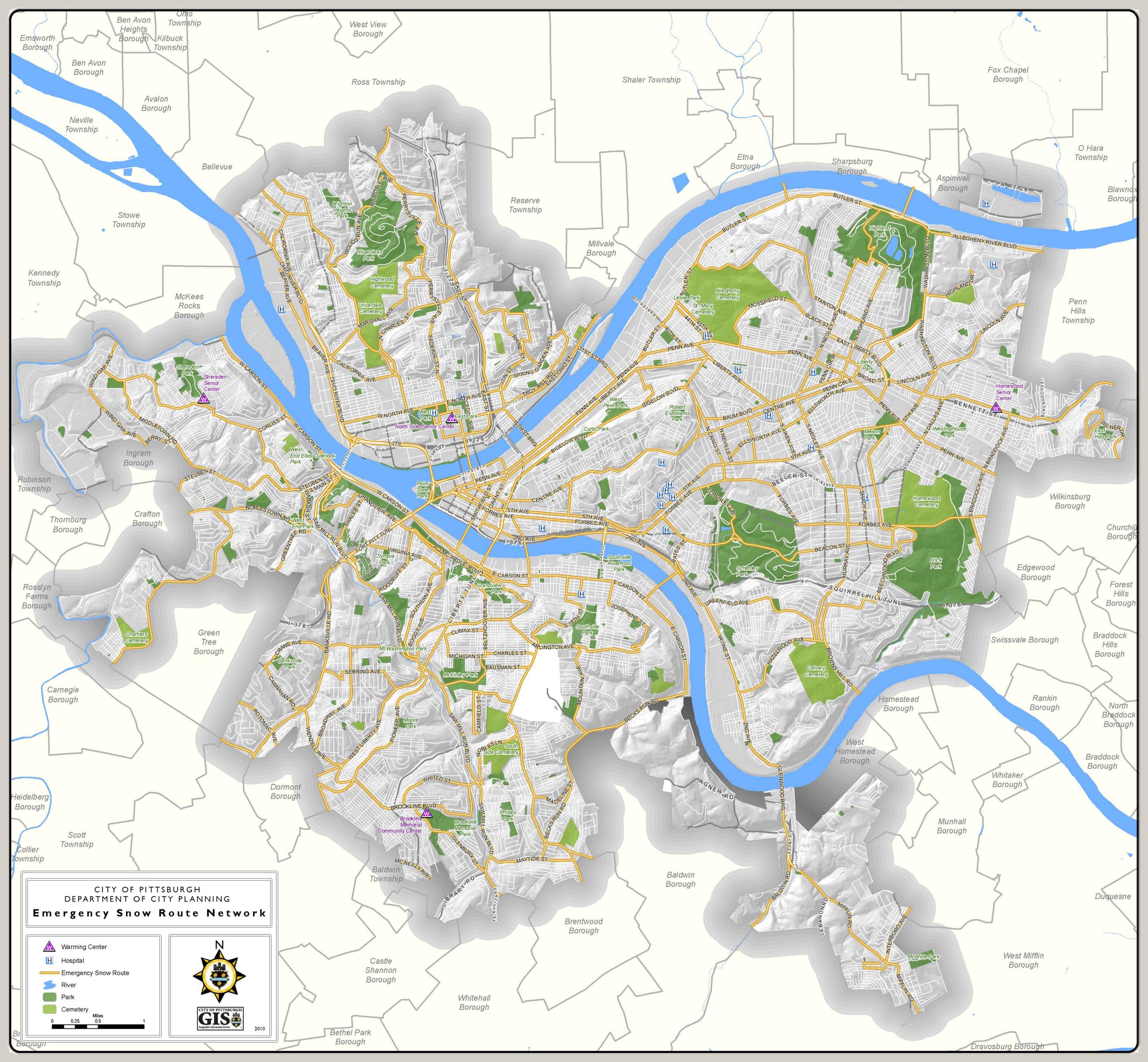
Do not deposit snow from cars or private property onto city streets.

DPW Facts...

The Department of Public Works is responsible for approximately 1,200 miles of city, county and state roads and streets.

DPW staff will work extended shifts during the snow/ice season to ensure that there is sufficient coverage throughout the six divisions of the city.

The DPW snow removal fleet will be augmented with pre-qualified contractors if necessary during a declared emergency.



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