

New Britain Residents and Property Owners:

Winter in New England is full of surprises, but our Public Works, Emergency Response Departments and others have been working aggressively to improve our services and make navigating our City a little easier when it snows.

Prior to the winter season, staff within the Public Works Department worked together creating plans to improve the level of service we provide.

Enclosed in this brochure are a few reminders & important contacts you should have in case of emergencies this winter.

Be smart, stay off the roads when the weather is bad, and let us clear a safe path for you to travel when the storms are over.

Sincerely,

Mayor Erin E. Stewart



### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

To report issues with snow on city-owned roadways, contact the Public Works Department at 860-826-3350

To report a blocked/impassable sidewalk, please contact the NBPD Traffic Bureau at 860-826-3071

New Britain Non-Emergency Dispatch Center Line 860-826-3000

For Emergencies Dial 911

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## CITY OF NEW BRITAIN

2015-16 SNOW Preparedness information





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# **STAY INFORMED: WINTER TIPS**



#### **BEFORE THE STORM:**

- Remove your car from the street: it makes clearing the roadway more efficient for plow truck drivers
- Department of Public Works crews ready their equipment
- DPW crews apply brown granules to surfaces to prevent icy conditions
- Parking ban may be issued—so be prepared!

#### **DURING THE STORM:**

- DPW crews work to keep a travel lane passable
- We focus on major roads, posted snow routes, and areas around emergency centers
- If a parking ban has been issued, a ticketing and towing operation begins
- Our drivers are directed to minimize snow placed on previously cleaned sidewalks and driveways, but often it is unavoidable

#### AFTER THE STORM:

- Crews continue to plow snow, often up to 10 hours after the snow has finished
- Property owners must clear sidewalks
- Dig out your snow bank to make room for trash and recycling cans

#### WHEN IS A PARKING BAN ISSUED?

- Parking bans are issued by the Mayor and enforced by the New Britain Police Department when a sizeable amount of snow is forecasted
- Look for notices at newbritainct.gov, on Twitter (@CoNBCT), Facebook (NewBritainCT), or on your local TV news station
- Vehicles in violation of the ban are subject to a \$100 parking ticket and will be towed at the owner's expense
- The ban stays in effect until the Mayor determines it should be lifted

#### WHERE DO I PARK?

• Free parking is available at Osgood Park, Stanley Golf Course, Quonset hut parking lot at 655 Slater Road, the parking lot at the corner of Wildwood and Linden Streets, Washington Park (opposite Gold Street), Martha Hart Park, the Badolato parking garage, and the Szczesny garage

#### **MY CAR WAS TOWED**

• Contact the NBPD Traffic Division at 860-826-3070 or 860-826-3071

#### **CLEANING YOUR SIDEWALKS**

- It is the responsibility of the property owner to remove snow or ice within six hours of day-light following a storm
- Throwing snow into the street is against city ordinances
- Shovel snow to the right to avoid having snow pushed back on your property by plows
- If the sidewalk is icy, consider sprinkling sand, salt, or other gritty material.
- Free treated sand is available to New Britain residents in the parking area on Eastwick Court; parking lot at the corner of Linden and Wildwood Streets; Martha Hart Park; Osgood Park; Rocky Hill Avenue (Northeast corner of Ellis St.); A.W. Stanley Parking lot (opposite Huber St.); Washington Park (parking lot opposite Gold St.); Willow Brook Park (parking area at Veteran's Stadium); and on the island on Eddy Glover Boulevard near McClintock Street
- Not clearing your sidewalk carries a fine of \$50 a day. If the sidewalk conditions are not fixed within one day of receiving a ticket, the city will lien the property and charge the owner with the cost of clean up

#### HAVE A FIRE HYDRANT NEARBY?

• The New Britain Fire Department kindly asks that you clear three feet around a fire hydrant if you have one near your property in case of an emergency.