



**City of New London Emergency
Snow Removal Operation
PRESS RELEASE**



Due to the current snowfall accumulation and in light of the potential for a significant snowfall early next week, City Manager Denise Rose and Chief of Police Margaret Ackley, in consultation with Public Works Director Keith Chapman, have declared a snow removal emergency in the City of New London. In order to begin removing the snow that is impeding parking, obstructing traffic sight lines at intersections and the hindering the ability for emergency personnel to respond to densely populated areas, the City of New London will be under a winter parking ban from midnight tonight until noon on Thursday February 3rd. A copy of the winter parking regulations may be found [HERE](#). Police may ticket or tow vehicles that are in violation of the parking ban.

Residents of, and visitors to, New London are asked to be patient during this process. Record snowfalls are taxing on municipal budgets, on the personnel responsible for snow removal and on the equipment used to remove the snow. The City realizes that business and residents will be impacted by the parking ban, but public safety concerns and the welfare of the citizens necessitate this action.

City residents are reminded that snow removal on sidewalks is the responsibility of the landowner whose property adjoins the sidewalk. Whereas the City has asked for your patience during snow removal operations, the City will be judicious in its enforcement of the sidewalk snow removal ordinance. However, school children, those who do not drive and physically challenged individuals who use mobility devices like wheel chairs and scooters need clear access to sidewalks. Please be courteous and responsible and remove the snow on the sidewalks.

Residents can park for free in the Water Street Parking Garage and are encouraged to use Public School Parking Lots over the weekend in order to reduce the need for on street parking.

Residents and businesses are asked to contact the City to report unsafe snow conditions and areas that should be a primary focus of our snow removal operations by using the Q Alert feature on the City's website located at <http://ci.new-london.ct.us/>