



# City of New London

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### **For Immediate Release**

The City of New London, Public Works, Police, Fire and Emergency Management Departments are preparing for the significant snow storm predicted for tomorrow. Those in need of shelter will be directed to area shelters and the city will have a warming center open during business hours at the Senior Center. Should additional shelters become necessary, the city is prepared to transition the Senior Center into an additional local shelter.

**Due to the intensity of this predicted storm, City Offices will be closed tomorrow except for Emergency Operations of Fire, Police, Public Works and employees who are specifically assigned to the warming/shelter at the Senior Center. The City's Emergency Operations Center will also be in operation at Fire Headquarters.**

Due to the significant amount of snowfall that is forecasted, effective at 12:00 midnight tonight, the City of New London **Winter Parking Restrictions** to include a **Downtown Parking Ban including the Municipal Parking Lots** shall be in effect until such time as snow plows have cleared the roadways.

While the parking restrictions and ban is in effect:

- **No Parking on any streets in the Downtown Area between Midnight (Thursday, 01/03/2018) and as such time the "Parking Ban" has been lifted. Residents and visitors may park in the Water Street Parking Garage for free during the time of the Parking Ban, and as of this news release.**
- **No Parking on NARROW STREETS.**
- **Where parking is permitted ON ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE STREET, FOLLOW POSTED REGULATIONS.**
- **Where parking is permitted ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET, PARK ON THE "ODD" SIDE OF THE STREET ONLY. New London Police will be strictly enforcing these restrictions for safety purposes.**

New London Public Works, Fire and Police experience great difficulties with the improper parking each year on the following streets, **Michael Rd, Anthony Rd, Boulder Drive, Buchanan Rd, Rogers St, Connecticut Ave, Belden St, Ledyard St, Mountain Ave, Cape Ann Court, Eastern Ave at the top of the hill, Terrace Ave and Bragaw St.** The improper parking results in slower emergency response times and inadequate snow clearing in these areas. The New London Police will be vigilant and will be issuing tickets and towing improperly parked vehicles during each snow event.

The forecast is for moderate snow becoming heavy at times during the Thursday Morning Rush Hour, with moderate snow most of the day with a forecast range of 12" to 16" accumulation.

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City Residents are advised that the Transfer Station will be closed Thursday and garbage and recycling pick-up will be postponed by one day. Example, Thursdays' routes will be picked up by Friday and Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday.

The City is requesting that sidewalks be shoveled and cleared in a reasonable time frame after the storm; this is a significant and consistent issue and problem after storms. Failing to shovel greatly impedes our high pedestrian traffic in the city for most people to include the disabled, elderly and children who must walk to school

Storm related suggestions are; review and refer to the Red Cross website which is also available on the City of New London's website ( [www.ci.new-london.ct.us](http://www.ci.new-london.ct.us) )~ residents are reminded to stay away from downed wires~ in deep snow, residents are reminded to clear any basement level vents for furnaces and hot water heaters~ do not run generators inside homes, garages or structures as it will become a severe carbon monoxide threat~ remember to bring pets inside~ all coastal areas should pay close attention to flood warnings~ remember to shovel and clear your sidewalks after the storm~

**Approved for Release**  
**Mayor Michael E. Passero**