

# Snow Emergency Operation

With the prediction of a major winter storm that is to result in heavy snowfall the West Chester Police Department would like to remind its residents that the following provisions apply to parking and snow removal operations. Some blocks do not await a snow emergency declaration and are automatically in that status when snowfall exceeds four inches.

North Church St. - Between Biddle and Virginia Ave  
North Walnut St. - Between Evans St and Marshall St.  
West Miner St. - Between Church St and Wayne St.  
South Walnut St. - Between Nields St. and Union St.

Our primary concern during a snowstorm is to clear safe and passable lanes on all state highways and Borough Streets so as to keep traffic moving through town. Clearing passable lanes is our top priority as long as the snow continues to fall. The Borough's objective is to attempt to open up parking as soon as possible during and after a snowstorm.

If a snow emergency is declared (snow accumulation of 6 inches and continues to accumulate) vehicles parked along snow emergency routes must be moved or they will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. The declaration of a snow emergency is announced using all available media including but not limited to The Borough Web-Site, The Borough Facebook page, WCOJ 1420 AM, WCHE 1520 AM, Philadelphia television stations, the Daily Local News and Philadelphia Inquirer depending on timing. If the storm does not materialize or moves through the area more quickly than predictions the Emergency will be lifted using these same announcement procedures.

Additionally, snow emergency declaration information can be obtained by calling the West Chester Public Works Department 610-696-5282 and the West Chester Police Department 610-696-2700. Snow emergency routes are marked with red and white signs and include portions of streets such as High Street, Gay Street, Market Street, Price Street, Chestnut Street, Marshall Street, Wayne Street, Hannum Avenue, Church Street, Walnut Street, Miner Street, Rosedale Avenue, S. Franklin Street. E. Nields Street, Lacey Street and S. Matlack Street. Residents need to verify whether they are on an emergency route by checking the signage on the block.

During a snow emergency residents are permitted to park free of charge in Borough owned parking facilities including the Bicentennial Parking Garage on S. High Street, the Chestnut Street Parking Garage at Chestnut Street and Walnut Street, The Sharpless Street Garage, the New Street Garage and all municipal parking lots. Parking may return to snow emergency routes after the snowfall has ceased and the plowing on the street is complete back to the curb. The lifting or modification of a snow emergency is announced using the same method as the declaration.

You can visit our [\*\*ALERT Center\*\*](#) and sign up to be notified for snow emergency notifications.

## Important Snow Emergency Related Links

[95-18](#) [Duty to Remove Ice and Snow from Sidewalks](#)  
[104-79](#) [Declaration of Emergency](#)  
[104-80](#) [Parking Prohibited Information During Emergencies](#)  
[104-82](#) [Streets Affected](#)  
[Snow Emergency Map](#)  
[Borough Owned Parking Garages](#)