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City of Cambridge Announces Services Impacted by Storm

Public Schools Closed, City Offices will Remain Open, Parking Permit Deadline Feb 4

Cambridge, MA—Feb. 01, 2015 — On Monday, February 2, the following City services will be impacted by the approaching snow storm:

- Cambridge Public Schools will be closed
- City offices will remain open; however, hours may be modified depending on severity of the storm
- Curbside trash and recycling collection will occur as scheduled

On Friday, January 20, 2015, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department announced that they were extending the expiration of 2014 Permits through Wednesday, February 4, to allow three additional days to apply for 2015 permits without being ticketed. Cambridge residents who have yet to apply to renew their 2015 permits are strongly encouraged to use the City's online application at www.cambridgema.gov/traffic. Residents can also apply in person at the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department located at 344 Broadway. Applications from residents who do not have a 2014 permit must be completed in person or via postal mail.

Residents are reminded of the importance of clearing hydrants and walkways to allow access for public safety personnel, such as the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Crews. The Cambridge Fire Department encourages residents to be prepared prior to a power failure by having flashlights and fresh batteries in an easily accessible locations; the use of candles are discouraged. Power outages should be reported directly to NSTAR at 800-592-2000.

"Prior to a storm is a great time for homeowners and renters to ensure that their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working," Said Deputy Chief Gerald Mahoney of the Cambridge Fire Department. "It is also important to check that any low to the ground vents from heating equipment or gas fired appliances, like clothes dryers, are cleared of snow."

While the majority of the snow event will occur on Monday, all travelers are reminded that snow left on moving vehicles creates a safety hazard for all travelers. "If the need to travel arises tonight or tomorrow, drivers are asked to ensure that all snow is cleared from their motor vehicle. This will create safer conditions for all travelers," said Jeremy Warnick, Director of Communications and Media Relations for the Cambridge Police Department. "Additionally, drivers should leave extra distance between their vehicle and the driver ahead given the possibility of slick road conditions. Everyone should be extra cautious of pedestrians and bicyclists due to high snow banks in some locations."

Updated information will be available at www.cambridgema.gov throughout the storm. In addition, the public is encouraged to follow updates on [@CambMA](https://twitter.com/CambMA) and on [Facebook at CambridgeMA.Gov](https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeMA.Gov). The City will be utilizing the hash tag #CambMASnow on Twitter to help the public follow the conversation. Members of the public can also call 617-349-4800 or 617-349-4700 for information. Members of the public are encouraged to sign-up to receive notification of snow emergency parking bans at <http://www.cambridgema.gov/AlertNetwork>.

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