

Snow Emergency Declaration – What We Need From Residents

The Mayor and Commissioners have declared a Snow Emergency for the Town of Rising Sun due to the predicted winter storm. To allow our crews and emergency responders to do their jobs safely and efficiently, resident cooperation is essential.

Here's what we hope to achieve together with our residents during the Snow Emergency.

Parking Requirements

- Residents are required to use their driveways and garages for parking if they have them.
- If on-street parking is unavoidable, park only on the EVEN-NUMBERED side of the street.
- No parking in cul-de-sacs or dead ends at any time during the Snow Emergency.
- Do not park in travel lanes, block access roads, fire hydrants, or dead-end areas.
- Vehicles parked in violation may be ticketed or towed.

Municipal Parking Lot Usage

We welcome residents in need of off-street parking to utilize the municipal parking lot. However, to ensure all who need parking have access, please be mindful of posted signage and check on your vehicle. We ask that you remain available to move it when needed, as we will be continuing snow removal throughout the storm to keep it open and accessible.

Snow Emergency Routes

- No parking is permitted on designated Snow Emergency Routes.
- Snow Emergency Routes are identified as:
 - All State Highways, Main Street, Joseph Biggs Memorial Highway, and Jacob Tome Highway.
 - Town Snow Emergency Routes: Pearl Street, Pierce Road, and Walnut Street,

Road Obstructions. Residents are asked to remove any:

- Portable basketball equipment away from the road or curb edge.
- Trash and recycling containers away from the road and curb edge.

(Please monitor the town's website and social media pages for any delays in collection trash and recyclables next week)



Snow Removal Efforts and Placement. Snow plows may unfortunately push snow onto your sidewalk and or driveways — this is unavoidable during large storms.

- We will do our best to avoid.
- Please place shoveled or blown snow onto your lawn or yard, not back into the street.
- More snow thrown in the street means more snow back on your sidewalk and or driveway.



Snow Removal Operations. Crews will prioritize emergency access, main roads first, and will work to make roads passable.

- Curb to Curb cleaning will occur after the storm passes
- Snow may be stockpiled in cul-de-sac's and dead ends for removal after the storm passes

◆ Special Conditions

- **Valley View Residential Development:**
 - Residents must park in designated spaces on a first-come basis.
 - Areas marked "no parking" and dead ends will be used for snow storage - parking or storing vehicles there is prohibited.
 - No parking in travel lanes, near dead-ends, hydrants, or access roads.
 - Vehicles parked in violation may be ticketed or towed.
- **Private Complexes and Responsibility.** Please note: The remaining apartment complexes in town are private entities.
 - The Town of Rising Sun does not provide snow removal services for those complexes.
 - Please contact your apartment management if you have any snow removal issues or concerns.
- **Steep Hills and Icy Conditions.** The hills of Britton Drive in Summer Hill, and other hills such as Pearl Street, Walnut Street, Wilson and others throughout the Town, are steep and prone to icing.

- With temperatures expected to be in the mid-teens, salt will likely be ineffective.
- Residents are encouraged to remain home to avoid getting stuck, as there may be limited actions we can take until the storm passes.
- Please Consider - Cars stuck on hills unnecessarily, **Blocks emergency access.**
- Public works and police must then divert to these specific areas to clear the path, tying up our equipment and personnel.

 **Cooperation Matters.** Snow events of this magnitude are challenging for everyone.

- Following these rules helps keep roads passable for emergency vehicles, reduces delays, and allows crews to work safely and efficiently.
- We have a small staff, and our ability to stay on point and focused is what will ensure quick, efficient, and effective snow removal for the benefit of all our residents. Please work with us to achieve this goal.

 **Questions or Concerns.** We will have staff monitoring our phones.

- If you have any issues or concerns that the Town can directly assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact us at 410-658-5353.
- If you experience an electrical power outage, please contact Delmarva Power via the Delmarva website. <https://www.delmarva.com/outages/experiencing-an-outage/report-an-outage> or by calling at 1-800-898-8042

The Snow Emergency Extend at least through January 27 but will remains in effect until officially lifted. Updates will be posted as conditions change.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work through this storm together.

Please Check on your neighbors and the elderly!

— Town of Rising Sun