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SUBJECT: City of Duluth declares snow emergency on December 28

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[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth has declared a snow emergency that will be in effect beginning at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 28, and ending at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 29, unless another snow emergency is declared. All vehicles need to be cleared from snow emergency routes by 9:00 p.m. today, December 28. Any vehicle that is still parked on a snow emergency route after 9:00 p.m. will be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

There are approximately 120 miles of snow emergency routes within the city. Emergency routes are typically major arterial streets and are clearly marked with signs. The snow emergency route map can be found at <https://duluthmn.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=cd0b0b7c01b74b7c8c38e2871189ab1d>.

The City of Duluth has declared this Snow Emergency based on the cumulative effect of the current forecast and yesterday's snowfall. During a Snow Emergency, motorists are encouraged to limit their travels until the weather has diminished and the city streets have been cleared.

Parking on Snow Emergency Routes is prohibited during a Snow Emergency. During a Snow Emergency, residents and visitors should park on residential streets that are not designated snow emergency routes. This week, alternate side parking is allowed on the odd side of the street and residents and visitors should abide by this parking schedule during the snow emergency. As soon as the snow emergency has concluded, cars can again be parked on the snow emergency route, unless otherwise signed or unless a new snow emergency has been declared.

Optional snow emergency parking lots are available for vehicles and are on a first come, first serve basis. A map of these lots can be found here: <https://duluthmn.gov/winterwatch/winter-parking-rules/>. Snow emergency lots can be utilized for free parking during the Snow Emergency declaration. Residents and visitors can park for free in these designated lots starting at 4:00 p.m. today, until 8:00 p.m. tomorrow, December 29.

In declaring a snow emergency, this means that the plows are starting over in the timeframe of removing snow. Plows will focus on keeping snow emergency roads clear until the snow stops falling. Plows will then work the timeframe provided in the City's Snow and Ice Policy. The timeframe, and policy, can be found at <https://duluthmn.gov/snow/how-the-city-plows-streets/>.

The City of Duluth appreciates the support of our residents to help keep our city safe until streets are cleared. To learn more about the City of Duluth's snow operations, including snow emergencies, please visit <https://duluthmn.gov/snow>. To sign up to receive a Northland Alert text message or email when a Snow Emergency is declared, please visit: <https://duluthmn.gov/northlandalert/>.

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