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City of Oak Park Declares Snow Emergency Begins Saturday, Jan. 18 at 6:00am, ends Sunday, Jan. 19 at 12:00pm

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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OAK PARK, MI - Due to anticipated heavy snowfall coming over the next 48 hours or so, Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate has decided to declare a snow emergency to begin Saturday, January 18 at 6:00am and end Sunday, January 19 at 12:00pm. Typically, a snow emergency is declared when four or more inches of snow is expected or other hazardous conditions necessitate.

As per City ordinance, when a snow emergency is declared, parking is not permitted on City streets until the snow emergency has been lifted. This allows the Department of Public Works to efficiently clear the City's roadways. For a map of available snow emergency parking locations within Oak Park, visit this link: www.bit.ly/OPSnowEmergencyParking.

During snow emergencies, the Department of Public Works prioritizes the City's roadways. In general, City crews treat and plow roadways in the following order:

- Primary Roadways - Primary routes are the first priority for plowing and de-icing. Primary routes include major streets, snow emergency routes, around schools, and medical facilities. These roadways include the I-696 service drives, Greenfield, Coolidge, Eleven Mile Road, and Nine Mile Road.
- Secondary Roadways - Secondary routes are main and heavily traveled thoroughfares. These include streets like Oak Park Boulevard, Scotia, Rosewood, Church, Capital, Lincoln, and Northfield.
- Residential Intersections - Tertiary priority is made to residential intersections so that vehicles can properly stop and proceed safely at intersection roadways. Residential roadways are plowed when appropriate, typically when four or more inches of snow is present or other circumstances necessitate.

There are several ways in which residents can stay informed during snow emergencies. They include:

- Website - Visit the City's website at www.oakparkmi.gov. An alert will be posted in the lower right of your screen.
- Community eBlast - Enroll to receive Community eBlasts that arrive in your email. To enroll, visit www.bit.ly/OakParkSignUp.
- Robo-Call Notification - Enroll to receive robo-calls on your landline or your cell phone. To enroll, visit www.bit.ly/OakParkSignUp.

- Text Message Notification - Enroll to receive text message notifications. Visit www.bit.ly/OakParkSignUp.
- Social Media Posts - Follow us on the City's Facebook or Twitter accounts.
- Cable TV Stations - Tune into the City's Comcast channel, Cable TV15 and TV16.
- Local TV and Radio Stations - The City notifies local media of snow emergencies.

For more information on snow emergencies in the City of Oak Park, please visit this link: www.bit.ly/OPSnowEmergencies.

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About:

Situated within the southeast corner of Oakland County, the City of Oak Park has a long history of being an integral, inner-ring suburb of Detroit. With approximately 30,000 residents in 5.16 square miles, we pride ourselves on the richness of our cultural diversity and our safe, secure neighborhoods.

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