Winter Parking Ban Checklist 2026–27

Before the first snow, plus hours and fines by city

Your street

City and street _____

Where I park when a ban starts _____

Alert I signed up for _____

BEFORE THE FIRST SNOW

Find out

- [ ] Check whether my city has a fixed season ban or a declared one
- [ ] Look up whether my street is a snow route or snow emergency route
- [ ] Read the city page for this winter's start date

Set up

- [ ] Sign up for the city's snow or parking alerts
- [ ] Pick a lot, garage or side street for ban nights
- [ ] Tell anyone who borrows my car about the ban

Rules and limits

- Chicago, 2025-26: no parking 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. through April 1, 2026; $150 tow, $60 ticket, $25 a day storage.
- Milwaukee, past seasons: no parking on through highways and bus routes from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.
- Madison: alternate side parking daily from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., enforced once the city declares it.
- Minneapolis: Day 1 parking rules begin at 9 p.m.; Day 2 and Day 3 rules begin at 8 a.m.
- Boston: ticket and tow on a posted snow emergency artery during a declared snow emergency.
- Washington: $250 ticket, $100 tow fee, $20 per day storage fee on snow emergency routes.
- Winnipeg: once a ban is in effect, no parking on winter routes from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m.
- Calgary: up to a $120 parking ticket and tow on a snow route during a ban.

Not yet confirmed

2026-27 start dates: Chicago, Milwaukee and Madison had not posted them where we could read them on Nov. 5, 2026

My notes

Source: City of Madison; City of Minneapolis; City of Boston; Government of the District of Columbia; City of Winnipeg; City of Calgary; ABC7 Chicago; CBS58. Checklist wording by Fresh Calendars.