

# **EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY SNOW/WINTER POLICY**

**Parker Terrace, Elise Circle & Chandler Way**

Easton Housing Authority is responsible for snow removal for all of the Authority's Developments during the winter months. To this end, this policy is adopted to provide information on general snow removal and inclement weather procedures of the Authority and to solicit Tenant cooperation to facilitate the snow removal operations conducted by Maintenance Staff during winter conditions.

The Authority's order of snow removal and inclement weather priorities are as follows:

- To keep roadways open for emergency vehicles
- To clear and keep open front building entrances and main walkways
- To clear back walkways and staircases
- To plow parking lot and spaces

All snow removal operations will be determined by the Executive Director and Maintenance Staff as each storm develops, however for storms where heavy snowfall is anticipated, Easton Housing Authority generally begins snow removal operations after three (1) inch of snow is on the ground.

We request that Tenants stay inside if possible during winter storms. We request for Tenant safety and in order not to hamper maintenance snow removal or plowing operations that Tenants not clean off their vehicles or approach maintenance staff, plow trucks or any snow removal equipment during snowstorms. All vehicles must be in a parking space before the start of snowfall. Only after a storm has ended and the priority areas have been cleared, will Tenants have the opportunity to clear off their car and move individual cars from parking spots for Maintenance Staff to clear parking space areas. A call will go out announcing this to all tenants. Tenants are expected to cooperate in a timely manner should it be necessary to temporarily move cars for snow removal operations. Maintenance Staff is not responsible to move Tenant vehicles or clean off Tenant vehicles. Tenants, if able, are responsible for clearing /moving their own vehicles. Also, please be patient, they are doing everything as fast as they can.

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During the winter months, sanding & salting of walkways for icy or light snow conditions will generally be scheduled for the start of the maintenance work day at 7:00 am and 8:00 am on a weekend. If the weather is inclement or snow is forecasted, we request that Tenants try to revise their plans accordingly.

If the Governor of Massachusetts has issued a STATE of EMERGENCY or a Storm Watch Advisory has been issued by the weather service all tenants are advised to remain indoors. Do not bring out your trash. If you must walk your dog it is at your own risk. Cancel any trips/plans/appointments, make emergency preparations and prepare a bag in case you must evacuate to a shelter and/or stay with family if there are any concerns about power outages. If you head out for any reason, you are doing so **AT YOUR OWN RISK**. We cannot guarantee every walkway, roadway or parking area is completely clear of snow or ice.

The Authority has the ability to provide power to the Community Rooms at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle **ONLY**.

**We do not have a generator that provides power to the individual apartments in any of our developments.**