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City of Lansing Issues Winter Storm Guidance

(LANSING) – The National Weather Service, Grand Rapids, is predicting a snow fall of four to eight inches of wet heavy snow for Lansing from 3 am until 9 pm Saturday. In preparation of the snow fall Saturday, the City of Lansing urges residents to limit travel while crews clear snow from major roads and local streets.

Residents are asked to remove all parked vehicles from all city streets until snow clearing operations are completed in your area. City ordinance prohibits on-street parking from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m., but it will greatly facilitate plowing operations if vehicles are not parked on city streets at any time until these operations are completed. Vehicles parked on city streets that interfere with plowing operations may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

City winter maintenance crews will be conducting salting operations on bridges, overpasses and major streets starting this evening and into Saturday. Plowing operations on major streets will continue through Saturday and city crews will work continuously through the storm to keep major thoroughfares as clear as possible.

If needed local plowing operations will begin as soon as major streets are cleared, but city residents are reminded that it takes several days to plow more than 440 miles of city streets after a major snow storm. Plowing operations on local streets follow the city's established plow routes. A link to the plow route map, and other winter maintenance information, can be viewed online at http://www.lansingmi.gov/snow_ice_information.

Updates on the city's snow clearing operations are also available via the city's Nixel text messaging service. Citizens can sign up for Nixel updates by visiting <http://www.nixle.com> and subscribing to Lansing Public Service.

Citizens are also reminded that city ordinance requires property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after a winter storm event.

City residents can call 2-1-1 for the latest information on warming centers and shelters, or if they need other forms of non-emergency assistance. For emergencies, please call 9-1-1. This and other emergency-related information is also available on the city website at <http://www.lansingmi.gov/emergency>.

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