

Important Parking Policies

Street Cleaning Regulation

Signs posted on each street designate the days for cleaning. Vehicles must comply with the restrictions noted on the signs during the street sweeping season, which is April 1st through December 31st (weather permitting).

Sign up for City alerts

Get City alerts by phone, email, or text message with important safety announcements including the declaration of snow emergency parking bans. Sign up at www.somervillema.gov/CTY.

At Least 20 Feet from Intersection & No More Than One Foot From Curb

Mass Gen. Law requires vehicles to park 20ft. from an intersection to maintain sufficient passage for emergency vehicles and the safe flow of traffic. Cars must also be parked no further than one foot from the curb. Somerville's narrow streets require strict enforcement of these rules.

Moving Vans/Containers

To reserve a space in front of your building for a moving van or container an application must be submitted to Traffic and Parking at least 7 business days prior to the moving date. Once the application has been approved, you must purchase a permit (\$40 per day) or use a valid visitor permit along with Temporary Parking Restriction signs (\$5 each). Moving vans or containers may be kept on the street overnight if the space is reserved for two consecutive days. New residents moving into the City may also purchase an interim permit for their vehicle.

Commercial Overnight Violation

Vehicles displaying commercial license plates, insured for commercial use, or that call attention to a business enterprise are not allowed to park overnight from 12 a.m. midnight to 6 a.m.



City of
Somerville
Department of Traffic and Parking

Parking Guide for New Residents

ParkSomerville.com

133 Holland St.
Somerville, MA 02144

Business Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Telephone: *Just dial 3-1-1,
or from outside Somerville 617-666-3311*



Welcome to Somerville!



All streets require a permit unless otherwise posted.

Where To Get A Resident Permit

1. Online at ParkSomerville.com.
2. By U.S. Mail.
3. In person (see front cover for address & hours).

What You Need To Get A Resident Permit

1. A valid MA registration showing Somerville as the principal place of garaging.
2. Proof of residency with either a bank statement **-or-** a current (within 30 days) utility bill.
3. \$40 payment. Fee waived for seniors (65+) and vehicles with handicapped plates or placards.
4. All tickets must be paid before obtaining a permit.

How to Get Visitor Permits

1. Two per household.
2. May be purchased online, by mail or in person.
3. We issue 2-day (\$20) and 3-day (\$40) permits.

How to Pay a Violation

1. Online at ParkSomerville.com.
2. Mail check to PO Box 9102 Somerville, MA 02143.
3. Phone: 1-844-807-9069
4. In person (see front cover for address & hours).

How to Dispute a Violation

1. Online within 21 days at ParkSomerville.com.
2. A signed letter explaining why you are disputing with any supporting documentation to PO Box 9102, Somerville, MA 02143. **-or-**
3. In person: Hearings are automatically scheduled after 21 days if no action is taken by violator.

Snow Emergency Regulations

The City works to ensure roadways are cleared in advance of a storm so snow plows can do their job. It is strongly advised that residents move their vehicles as soon as an emergency is declared.

Declaration of a Snow Emergency

- May be declared when **an accumulation of 4 or more inches of snow is predicted.**
- Residents have **4 hours** after the snow declaration to move their vehicles. Ticketing and towing begins immediately after the 4-hour period has elapsed.

Communication of a Snow Emergency

- **Alerts:** Sign up to receive an e-mail, phone or text message alert at www.somervillema.gov/alerts.
- **Facebook & Twitter:**
www.facebook.com/SomervilleCity
[@311Somerville](http://www.facebook.com/311Somerville) & [@311Somerville](https://twitter.com/311Somerville)
- **Website:** www.SomervilleMA.gov.
- **City Cable TV:** Channel 15 & 22 for Comcast; Channel 13 & 15 for RCN.
- **Local News Outlets:** All major TV, radio, print and online news outlets will be alerted.
- **Flashing Blue Lights:** At major intersections.
- **Phone:** Contact 311.

During a Snow Emergency

- Parking is allowed only on the designated side of the street unless otherwise posted. This side is alternated by winter season. In years where winter starts in an even year, only even side parking is allowed. For winters starting in odd years, only odd side parking is allowed. Winter starts in November. Therefore, starting in November 2016, parking will be on the even side of the street for all snow emergencies during the entire season.
- Residents must either move their vehicles or, if they cannot find a space, move to another location (see list of available City lots).
- Ticketing (\$100 fine) and towing will commence 4 hours after the emergency is declared.
- If your car is towed, you may retrieve it from **Pat's Towing 617-354-4000.**
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After a Snow Emergency

- Permit parking enforcement will resume **24 hours** after the snow emergency has been lifted.
- It is the responsibility of the resident to clean off their vehicle and ensure their Residential or Visitor parking permit is visible.
- City Ordinance restricts any vehicle from remaining in the same space on any street for a period exceeding 48 hours. This violation will be strictly enforced on both the odd and even sides of the street **48 hours** after the snow emergency has been lifted.

Available Snow Emergency Parking Lots

Residents may park in the designated areas listed below during a snow emergency. Once the snow emergency is lifted, vehicles must be removed within **2 hours**, regardless of posted signage. For an interactive map of locations, visit www.somervillema.gov/snow.

Schools

- Argenziano School (290 Washington St.)
- Capuano Early Childhood Center (150 Glen St.)
- Kennedy School (5 Cherry St.)
- Cummings School (42 Prescott St.)
- Healey School (5 Meacham St.)
- Brown School (201 Willow Ave.)
- Somerville High School (81 Highland Ave.)
- West Somerville Neighborhood School (177 Powder House Blvd.)
- Winter Hill Community School (115 Sycamore St.)

Municipal Buildings

- City Hall Concourse (93 Highland Ave.)
- Central Library (79 Highland Ave.)
- West Branch Library (40 College Ave.)

All Metered Municipal Lots