

Mayor's Update



The weather forecast for Newton at this time is very uncertain. We're located right at the line where the rain is expected to turn over to snow. So, depending on exactly where that changeover occurs, we could get 2 inches of snow, or 14 over the next 36 hours.

As of now, the forecast calls for snow changing to rain around midnight tonight and the worst conditions in Newton Monday early evening into Tuesday morning.

We'll have crews working through the storm addressing road conditions.

Stay safe and watch out for each other. We'll post an update on the website, newtonma.gov, as the forecast becomes more certain.

For now, we do expect regular pickup of trash/recycling and yard waste tomorrow.

Also, a reminder that the Winter Overnight Parking Ban takes effect tonight, Dec. 1, and goes until March 31. (The previous parking ban was thirty days longer and extended from Nov. 15 to April 15.) Cars cannot be parked on any City of Newton street for more than one hour between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the winter overnight parking ban.

The new sidewalk shoveling rules are also in effect. The City Council passed an ordinance earlier this year that requires residential property owners to clear their sidewalk within 24 hours of a storm's end (unless conditions warrant more time). If you fail to clear the snow and we receive a complaint, you face a written warning for the first offense, and a \$50 fine for second and subsequent offenses. The Department of Public Works is responsible for enforcement through calls to our 311 system.

Warmly,

Ruthanne

P.S. Go Pat!

