Keep up to date on the latest winter weather information.
Baltimore City Snow Center [/transportation/snow-center]

Street sweeping operations depend on weather conditions. Extremely cold temperatures, snow, and ice may limit the effectiveness of DPW's mechanical street sweeping equipment. Changes or cancellations will be announced and posted here.

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Winter Weather Updates

Service Alert (2/10/2026): Trash and Recycling Collection Returns to Normal C

The Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) will resume **standard rear-**

What Residents Need to Know

- **Collection days are not changing**
- **Routes begin at 6:00 a.m.**
- Please set materials out **by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day** or place them

Residents should report any **missed trash or recycling collection** by calling **311** o
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Due to extreme cold temperatures, there is a high demand in service requests for water. Please allow an additional 1-2 business days for resolution of any water-related issues.

Baltimore City Department of Public Works – Winter Weather Response

As we continue to provide service in the wake of the recent snowstorm and forecasted freezing temperatures, the Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) is actively coordinating operations to keep essential services running safely and reliably across Baltimore.

Our crews are fully staffed, equipped, and prepared to respond to winter weather impacts, including water main breaks, weather-related infrastructure issues, and service disruptions.

This page serves as the central hub for all DPW winter weather updates, including trash and recycling services, water infrastructure, street operations, and resident safety information.

Current Service Updates

Latest: Heavy Equipment Deployed to Clear Icy Alleys as Trash Service Continues and Recycling Collection [/publicworks/news-media/heavy-equipment-deployed-to-clear-icy-alleys-as-trash-service-continues-and-recycling-collection] - 2/1/26

Temporary Trash & Recycling Service Changes

Effective Tuesday, January 27–31, 2026

Due to snow, icy conditions, and forecasted freezing temperatures, DPW is implementing a temporary shift in trash and recycling collection to keep essential services moving safely.

Trash Service

- Tuesday trash pickup is suspended and will be made up on Saturday (holiday-style schedule).
- Trash collection will not occur in alleys.
- Please move trash cans to the end of the alley or the front of your home.
- Do not block alleys so neighbors, service crews, and emergency vehicles can pass safely.

Helpful Tip: Write down the serial number on your trash can to help prevent mix-ups or lost containers.

Recycling Service

Recycling collection is suspended for the week to allow crews to prioritize trash removal during severe winter conditions.

Missed Pickup

If your trash pickup is missed, please call 311 to notify the City. DPW crews will return to remove your trash.

Street Sweeping Operations

All street sweeping routes are canceled for the remainder of this week and next due to freezing temperatures and unsafe operating conditions.

Water System Protection & Infrastructure Reliability

Extreme cold places strain on household plumbing and city infrastructure. DPW continues to monitor system performance and respond to water main breaks and other weather-related impacts as quickly as conditions safely allow.

How Residents Can Protect Their Homes & Water Service

- Let a thin stream of cold water run during freezing temperatures.
- Open cabinet doors to allow warm air around pipes.
- Disconnect outdoor hoses and shut off exterior spigots.
- Keep bottled water on hand.
- Test sump pumps regularly.
- Keep sidewalks, curb lines, and access points clear.
- Some services may pause during extreme weather for safety.

Community Partnership

We're trying new approaches to maintain essential services during extreme winter conditions. Please work with neighbors, assist residents who may need help, and keep access points clear for crews and emergency responders.

Stay Connected for Updates

- Website [/group/41]
- X (Twitter) [http://twitter.com/BmoreDPW]
- Facebook [http://facebook.com/BaltimoreCityDPW]
- Instagram [https://www.instagram.com/dpwbaltimorecity]

Winter Storm FAQs
Week of January 26, 2026
These FAQs explain how winter weather may affect Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) services, including trash and recycling collection, water systems, and steps residents can take to stay safe and prepared.

Trash, Recycling, and Street Services

Will there be changes to trash, recycling, or bulk collection? [#Willtherebechangestotrashrecyclingorbulkcollection]

Why is trash service changing during this storm? [#Whyistrashservicechangingduringthisstorm]

What changes are in place for trash pickup? [#Whatchangesareinplacefortrashpickup]

Where should I place my trash? [#WhereshouldIplacemytrash]

What should I do about alleys? [#WhatshouldIdoaboutalleys]

How can neighbors help? [#Howcanneighborshelp]

How will I get updates on service changes? [#HowwillIgetupdatesonservicechanges]

Hydrants, Drains, and Neighborhood Safety

How can residents help keep streets and alleys safe? [#Howcanresidentshelpkeepstreetsandalleyssafe]

Water System Impacts and Reporting Issues

How does extreme cold affect the water system? [#Howdoesextremecoldaffectthewatersystem]

What should I do if I notice water problems? [#WhatshouldIdoifInoticewaterproblems]

Preventing Frozen Pipes

What is the most important thing I can do to protect my pipes? [#WhatisthemostimportantthingIcandotoprotectmypipes]

What other steps can help prevent frozen pipes? [#Whatotherstepscanhelppreventfrozenpipes]

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Water Line Responsibilities and Emergencies

Who is responsible for water lines? [#Whoisresponsibleforwaterlines]

Who should I call for a water emergency? [#WhoshouldIcallforawateremergency]

Additional Preparation Tips

How can residents prepare now? [#Howcanresidentspreparenow]