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## Parking on Busy Winter Weekends

What makes Big Bear Valley so charming are the many small businesses that depend on the visitor trade for their livelihood.

Large crowds of visitors bring busy streets and parking is often difficult to find, particularly during holidays, community events and ski season.

Savvy residents learn many off-streets and byways to get around the traffic, or just get all their errands run before the weekend and stay home with a

## Measure O to Limit STRs is Bad for Big Bear

On the November 8 ballot for the City of Big Bear Lake is Measure O, a citizens initiative to limit short term rental properties to 1500 licenses and contracts to only 30 a year. The Chamber believes that if Measure O passes, our fragile local economy will be damaged.

Measure O would mean job loss, businesses closing, more theft and vandalism in our neighborhoods and less tax revenue for the City of Big Bear Lake. The Chamber has published a series of mini-articles on the issue to inform our businesses and the community about why the Chamber opposes Measure O.

As a tourist town, Big Bear relies on visitors and visitor spending to support our local economy. Measure O would be detrimental to the entire community, businesses and residents.

Read the short articles below and click the reference links to learn more. **Please vote NO on Measure O on November 8.**

[Main Provisions in Measure O](#)

[What Action Did the City Take to Address Resident Concerns](#)

[What it Means for Homeowner Private Use](#)

[Job Loss to our Community](#)

[What it means to Businesses](#)

[Effects on Long Term Rental Availability](#)

### References

[2022- Revised Economic Impact Study](#)

[City Complaints Comparison by Year](#)

[Chamber Statement of Opposition 8/15/2022](#)

[Citizens Initiative Proposal](#)

[Independent Economic Impact Study](#)

mocha latte and a good book.

GPS navigation apps such as Google Maps and Waze are helpful for new locals to find alternate routes, but the visitors use them too, which results in too much traffic in residential areas in Big Bear Lake.

Always park legally to avoid being towed or paying hefty fines.

Use common sense to avoid being towed or ticketed. Never park in or block a driveway without owner permission.

## Did You Know?

If you lose your dog while visiting Big Bear, you can call the local radio station, KBHR-FM and they will announce it for you.



## Relocation Guide Available for Free

The Chamber has published a magazine for potential full time residents and businesses who are interested in living and working in Big Bear.

The magazine is free and available in town at government offices, the airport, the Chamber, realtor offices and other public spaces.

If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the Chamber at (909) 866-4607 or email [office@bigbearchamber.com](mailto:office@bigbearchamber.com).

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## Gift from Big Bear with an eGift Card

Who doesn't love gifts from Big Bear? And the holidays are approaching fast. Here's an easy way to give a special someone a gift that everyone will love. Choose from 40 participating local merchants. Your recipient may use it at one business or several. The Chamber Shop Local eGift cards are easy

to buy and easier to redeem.. Buy one for your employees, family or friends. In the process, you support our local economy. See participating merchants and **buy egift cards** today.

## Make Your Snow Removal Plans Now



It's time to think about getting your Big Bear property snow removal plan in place. Winter often arrives in October in Big Bear. Winter Snow removal is a must.

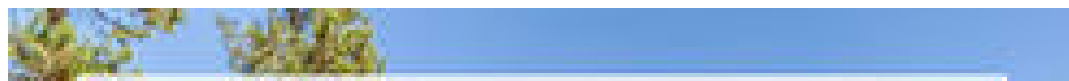
Get someone contracted now to remove snow and

or place ice melt on walkways and paths early in the morning. Make your arrangements before winter. There is little chance you will find an available snow removal service if you wait until the winter or snow is in the forecast or snow has already fallen. If you wait until snow is falling, it could be a couple days before someone is available to dig you out.

### Removal of Snow Berms

Snow plows will be out *only after at least three inches of snow* has fallen. When they pass your business or residence, expect a "snow berm" blocking your driveway. It is your responsibility to clear it. Save yourself more work later by clearing the berm after the snow plows make their first pass down your street, and continue to clear it every time they return. A friendly wave to the drivers might also help keep the berms small. Take frequent breaks, shoveling is tough on the heart.

If your business or residence is in the unincorporated area, there is a program to assist older residents or those with health issues in clearing snow berms. Contact the Community Services District for details.





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## Your Winter Home Maintenance Checklist

### Heaters and Furnaces:

Be sure to change your heater filters. Dirty heater filters are the #1 cause of furnace failures. This simple task could save you thousands and it might only cost you \$10 – \$15 to do on your own. We recommend changing filters at least twice a year. It is a good idea to change the batteries on the thermostat as well. To service your heaters and all HVAC needs, contact *Big Bear Refrigeration* at (909) 648-1211 or [bearvalleyrefrigeration@gmail.com](mailto:bearvalleyrefrigeration@gmail.com).

### Ice Melt:

If you have a steep driveway, get a large 5 – 30 gallon metal can with a lid and fill it with ice melt and provide a large scoop to distribute the ice melt. A gallon milk jug cut out works well. You may purchase ice melt from a local provider such as DIY at *DIY Home Center*, 42146 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 at (909) 866-1464.

### Outdoor Furniture:

Most outdoor furniture come with coverings but some may be more challenging to cover. Cover whatever you possibly can with good secured outdoor furniture covers. Glass tables will break very easy from 30 degrees and night and 50 during the day. Plastic furniture can easily crack or breakdown completely in cold cold weather. It's best to bring it into the garage or store it away for the winter months. For awnings and umbrellas, make sure they are down and locked away. Snow loads and winter storm winds can cause both to break and umbrellas. Umbrellas left in the hole on glass tables in windstorms and it caused the glass to shatter. Take precautions.

### Snow Shovels:

Avoid metal shovels at your home, they will nick up your decks. Plastic (without sharp edges) or deck-safe shovels are okay. Make accessible to front door for guests if snowfall occurs overnight, they will be able to use them to leave property if snow removal has not been provided at the hour they choose to exit the cabin. Large Push Shovels like the one pictured to the left are ideal and will decrease damage to your decks surfaces.

### Snow Poles:

Make sure your snow poles are up marking the entrances of your driveway. You may also need snow poles along the driveways so plows do not take out landscaping. These can be found at Butcher's Block as well and help to keep your driveways and yards from getting damaged by plow trucks. If your home is located in The City of Big Bear Lake you can pick up poles from the *City's office* 39707 Big Bear Blvd. These are large, orange, plastic poles that need to be installed at the edge of your driveway so the city will clear the berms.

### Irrigation Systems and Sprinklers:

Make sure your irrigation systems are turned off and drained. Make sure sprinkler systems are closed down, turned off and drained. Please make sure your stop and waste valve is turned off as well. Call *Stalcup Landscape Innovations* at (909)

drained. Please make sure your stop and waste valve is turned on as well. Call *Stalcup Landscape Innovations* at (909) 866-9696 or email [info@stalcuplandscape.com](mailto:info@stalcuplandscape.com).

### Weather Stripping:

Make sure your doors and windows have good weather stripping to keep hot air in and the cold out!

### Outdoor appliances:

Unplug fridges, drain sinks, turn water off to outdoor elements. Ensure decorative fountains, water landscape elements and pools, etc are winterized properly to avoid damage to motors, burst pipes, etc.

### Screens:

Make sure all screen doors are taken down and put it away. Heavy winters will cause snow and ice to get in the slider tracks and these doors always bend slightly and come off. Screens are not needed in the winter. Supply closets and locked garages are good places to store your summertime outdoor items.

## Links for Second Homeowners

### City of Big Bear Lake

Main (909) 866-5831

[City website](#)  
[City Council Meeting Agenda](#)  
[Dept. of Water and Power](#)  
[Code Enforcement](#)  
[Building and Safety](#)  
[Subscribe to City eNewsletter](#)

### Agencies

[Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency](#)

### Businesses

[Find a Business](#) on the Chamber website. Search by name, type of business and more.

### Volunteer Opportunities

[Doves](#)  
[Rotary Club](#)  
[Soroptomists](#)  
[The Elks Lodge](#)  
[American Legion](#)  
[Bear Valley Hospice](#)  
[Sierra Club](#)  
[The Lighthouse Project](#)  
[The Senior Center](#)  
[The Big Bear Chamber of Commerce](#)

### 911 - All Emergencies

[Bear Valley Community Healthcare District \(Hospital\)](#)  
[Big Bear Fire Dept. \(ambulance & fire\)](#)  
[REACH Air Medical Service](#)  
[San Bernardino Sheriff](#)  
[Animal Shelter](#)

### San Bernardino County

[Big Bear City Comm. Services District](#)  
[Water](#)  
[Residential Solid Waste Collection](#)  
[Sewer](#)  
[County Code Enforcement](#)  
[Complaints - Code Enforcement](#)  
[Taxes](#)  
[Building and Safety](#)  
[Health Dept.](#)

### Other

[Bear Valley Electric Service](#)  
[Caltrans Quick Map](#)  
[Verizon - phone, internet](#)  
[Spectrum Cable](#)

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Fall is Beautiful in Big Bear  
Visit Soon!

### Visit Big Bear

*For all your visitor needs!*

Lodging, Outdoor Activities, Where To Go, What to Do, Where to Stay or Eat and special events. Call Visit Big Bear /Visitors Center at (909) 866-7000 or visit the website at [bigbear.com](http://bigbear.com).

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