

Snow Removal Made Easier by Citizen Cooperation:

- 1) Do not drive unless **absolutely necessary**. If possible wait an hour or so from the time that the snow begins to lay on the road to give salt crews a chance to treat roads.
- 2) Remove your vehicles from the street. **It is a must to park in your driveway or yard.**
- 3) **Do not shovel or plow snow from your driveway or walkway into the street.** Pile snow in your yard instead.
- 4) If you hire a plowing or cleaning service, advise them not to push snow into the street or in front of neighboring property.
- 5) Remove snow from around fire hydrants.
- 6) If your vehicle should become stuck in the snow, do not abandon it in the roadway. Get it moved over to the curb or berm so that snow plows and emergency vehicles can get past it.
- 7) When you notice a salt truck approaching from the opposite direction, **slow down and move away from the center of the road to avoid salt** from blasting your vehicle. Salt trucks are designed to drop more salt near the center of the road.
- 8) When following a salt truck, **keep a safe distance**. Expect trucks to make sudden stops or turns while in the operation of snow removal.
- 9) **Be sure your vehicle is equipped for winter driving**. Good tires with deep tread are a must. Also, put the following items in your trunk; tire chains, shovel, salt, sand and emergency road kit.
- 10) When calling the Public Works Department or other municipal offices for service, keep messages **simple and direct**. Be certain to state the problem and its location.
- 11) Finally, if you must be on the road during a snow storm, remember to take your cell phone. In areas where there is not a 911 service, have the emergency numbers written down or stored in your phone.

Priorities for snow removal are: 1) State roads and arterial streets 2) PAT bus and school bus routes 3) Local roads. Plowing operations usually occur with the accumulation of 1 to 3 inches or more of snow. During snowfalls when plows are used, the initial passes of the snowplow are to open the road for traffic flow. Expect to have the snow pushed back to the curb on a later pass. This is done to provide more space to push away future snow and to provide drainage when the snow melts, so that water runs along side of the road, and not in the lane where it may re-freeze at night when temperatures drop. Because **cul-de-sacs are not thruways to the majority of motorists or school students, they are done last**. Snow plows cannot pick up and carry snow, so it is placed where we think it will be the least problem.

To minimize the snow that gets deposited in front of your driveway, public works has the following suggestion: Stand facing your driveway from the street and shovel the snow to the left of your driveway. This will not completely eliminate snow from being deposited in front of your driveway when the plows

come, but it will reduce the amount that is deposited. **Property owners and businesses are reminded that snow and ice must be removed from the sidewalk along your frontage within 24 hours of the beginning of a snowfall.** If snow continues to fall, sidewalks must be cleared and opened for passage. **Blowing or shoveling of snow into the street is a violation of municipal ordinances and can cause accidents.** Property owners assume a serious liability for such a practice.