

Town of Hampstead, NH

Snow Plowing Policy

TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department is responsible for snow and ice removal on public roads. The following is a summary of Highway response to snow and ice conditions

SEASONAL PREPARATION

Prior to any winter storm event, all vehicles and apparatus equipment are inspected and made ready for service. All vehicles are fueled. Salt is stored with enough in supply to cover the entire town through at least two storm events. The person assigned to each route will drive that route and make note of all damaged or unsecured mail boxes and the placement of basketball hoops and sprinkler heads on Town property. No repairs will be made by the Town to any of the above on this list. If a basketball hoop or other recreational device is located in a way that will impede snow removal, or damage our equipment, it will be removed without notice.

PROCEDURE

All main streets and those roads with documented high volume traffic will be maintained continuously throughout a storm event. All secondary roads will be cleared as their snow accumulation approaches 3" or when topography, physical conditions, ice or other safety concerns require immediate attention as determined by the Road Agent.

Public safety is the number one objective and will supersede all other issue.

Any outside contractor hired by a resident for private property snow removal will not be permitted to place any snow in the roadway. The homeowner will be held responsible for any private contractor negligence, and the contractor will be reported to the police if the snow is left in the roadway.

Homeowners will be cited and fined for placing snow from their property on public ways.

RESIDENT COOPERATION

Please be reminded for public safety purposes that highway personnel are out on the roadways. During extreme road and weather conditions resident cooperation is sincerely appreciated at this time. Please don't travel the roadways during heaviest cleanup efforts if at all possible, and adhere to Town enforced parking restrictions. Any vehicle left on the roadway during removal operations seriously impedes plowing and sanding and will

be reported to the Police Department. As a safety precaution, residents are asked not to follow Town trucks any closer than 300 feet.

Highway Department personnel will not argue over the ownership of fallen snow after it falls onto the roadway. Snow will be removed or plowed onto private property if it is necessary for Public Safety.

Highway Department personnel will never be dispatched to salt or plow private residence property, or shovel/plow out around resident mailboxes. Residents are expected to maintain post and mailboxes to withstand New England winter weather and should repair/replace as needed. The Town will repair/replace any mailbox damaged inadvertently by Town personnel.

It should be further understood that the Town is not responsible for privately owned irrigation sprinkler heads located within the Town's right of way.

PARKING REGULATIONS

By Town Ordinance of October 13, 1980:

No vehicles shall be allowed to park on the traveled way or shoulders of any public or private way or road that is winter-maintained by the Town of Hampstead between November 1st and April 1st.

Violator may be subject to removal of vehicles at owners' expense.

This Ordinance is necessary in order to maintain a safe condition and proper snow removal.

This Ordinance will take effect immediately.

RESIDENTS REPORTING STORM- RELATED PROBLEMS AND EMERGENCIES

At times highway personnel are unavailable to receive telephone calls during a storm event because all available personnel are clearing roadways. Requests or complaints can be directed to the department's business office during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at 329-5110.

Emergency calls will be responded to immediately as they are received from residents or Town personnel. Highway personnel and/or emergency services will be dispatched to the emergency location.

Damage to resident vehicles or property caused by contractors' equipment during a winter storm event should be reported immediately to the Road Agent. The Town will request that the resident provide a written report of damage .