

SNOW CLEARING FAQ

Q: Why does the Town plow and remove snow in the middle of the night?

A: Plowing overnight is safe and efficient with little road traffic and no cars parked on the streets. It's important that residents adhere to the winter parking ban to assist our Public Works Department in keeping our roads clear and safe.

Q: Why does the grader fill in the end of my driveway?

A: It's the dreaded wing roll and no one enjoys having to clear it, but our graders clear streets from the center of the street to the curb pushing right to effectively clear intersections and roadways. The roadside is designed for snow storage, and this means leaving snow across private driveways, walkways and lawns.

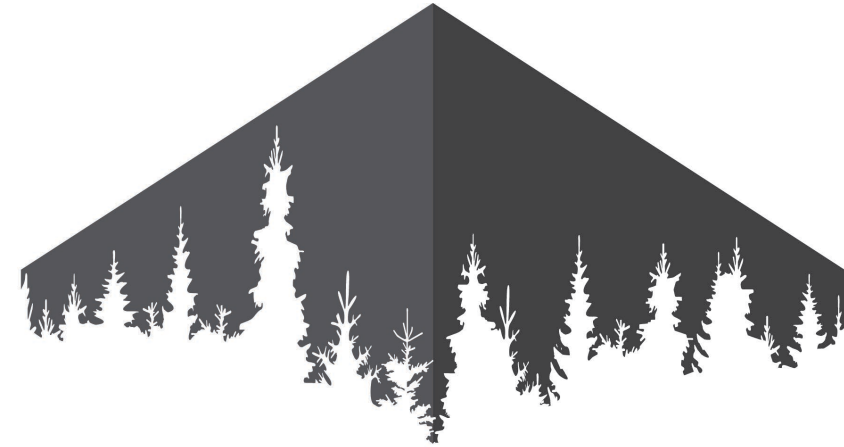
Q: I can't see around the snow banks when driving. When will they be removed?

A: The Town has a robust snow removal program and prioritizes streets based on volume of traffic, school zones and more. Snow removal efforts may be temporarily halted due to weather events, as keeping roadways clear and accessible is always our top priority. Scraping our roads is a key element of our snow clearing program and helps to minimize dangerous road conditions during spring thaw. This process typically results in larger snow banks, especially on corner lots. These snow banks will be trucked to our snow dumps as promptly as possible after scraping is completed.

Q: I have no more room for snow. What are my options?

A: Snow storage can be a big challenge considering our average yearly snowfall is approximately 428.7 centimeters. With that amount of accumulated snow, it can be tricky to find enough space. The Town's snow removal program is designed to keep our roadways and roadsides clear and improve visibility on corners and intersections. Residents who wish to remove snow from their property can acquire a permit from the Town Hall to use the Harrie Lake Snow Dump. There are also a number of local contractors that will remove snow for a fee.

It is important to note that snow must never be placed onto the street. Moving snow from your driveway onto the street can create various safety hazards, obstruct pedestrian traffic, or obstruct the view of drivers. It is also illegal to push snow across a road or street onto the other side, these are all violations under the Highway Traffic Act. Even a small amount of snow left on a roadway can cause accessibility issues for some of our residents.



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