

Winter Weather Preparedness Information

Residents can assist the Highway Department during a snowstorm by heeding these suggestions:

- Trucks are plowing or spreading salt/chat. Stay back from the vehicle at least 100 feet to avoid problems. Plow trucks often have to back up. There are blind spots in the mirrors. For your safety, do not pull directly behind them. They may not be able to see you, reduce your speed and drive cautiously.
- Observe winter parking bans and please do not park on the roads. Cars are likely to be towed at owner's expense.
- Remain off the road during snowstorms unless absolutely necessary.
- Plan ahead. If inclement weather is predicted, think of prescriptions to be filled and utility or gas needs in the event of power outages.
- If in high terrain, possibly arrange for lodging in lower terrain.
- Do not allow children to play/sled in the road.
- Do not place trash or recycling bins in the road during snowstorms, as they will interfere with snowplowing.
- Another area of concern is mailboxes. We do not deliberately knock over or damage mailboxes. The primary cause of mailbox damage is heavy snow discharged from the plow blade. On rare occasions, a mailbox is struck by a plow due to reduced visibility during a snowstorm and/or snow banks. Hence, residents are encouraged to place mailboxes at the maximum allowable distance from the pavement.
- Before final cleanup of your driveway, check the road. If it does not appear to be widened out, a plow will return to plow again, and may push snow back into the entrance of your driveway. Doing this might keep you from clearing your driveway more than once.
- Finally, please have patience. Snow plowing is a time consuming and laborious job covering approximately 833 miles of county roads. Some residents will have their roads plowed first and some will be last, but all roads will be cleared. The Highway Department is devoted to providing the residents with dependable snow removal in the shortest time possible. With your cooperation, we will all benefit during a snowstorm.