



Town of North Attleborough  
Department of Public Works  
Snow Season Information  
2008-2009

During a snow or ice event, the Department of Public Works conducts the following operations:

1. Sanding and salting operations begin at the onset of the storm and continue until plowing operations begin. Sanding and salting operations are conducted primarily with DPW Highway Division personnel and official private contractors.
2. Plowing operations begin and continue as conditions dictate, using all Department personnel/equipment and additional private contractors. Each equipment operator has a specific route assignment during both sanding/salting and plowing operations.
3. Depending on conditions, sanding and salting will also be done following a plow operation.

Residents should be aware that during the initial stages of a storm, the focus of the operations is to keep all roads open to emergency traffic and in most instances each street will be plowed only in one or two passes. Final cleanup of the street at the conclusion of the storm involves multiple passes by the plow until the snow is removed as close as possible to the curb or edge of pavement. Generally, it is best for residents to wait until the snow has been pushed back to the curb before cleaning their driveway opening.

### **Driveway Clearing**

Residents should also be aware that it is illegal to clear snow from their driveways or off their vehicles into city streets. This practice, which is subject to fine, compromises the town's snow removal efforts and can lead to a hazardous roadway condition for which the responsible parties may be liable. Private contractors who provide driveway and parking lot plowing services are reminded that dragging or leaving snow trails in roadways is also illegal and subject to fine.

### **Fire Hydrants**

Owners of property and occupants of buildings that have a fire hydrant located in front of it are requested to clear a four-foot area in all directions around the hydrant and a three-foot wide path from the street to the fire hydrant. The Fire Department counts on hydrants being cleared of snow to help protect your safety.

### **Catch Basins and Storm Inlets**

Help minimize street flooding by shoveling snow and ice from in front of the catch basin/storm inlet nearest your house. This includes keeping catch basin grates free of leaves and other debris all year long.

### **Recycling Carts/Trash Cans**

Don't place recycling carts or trash cans in the street or on the sidewalks for pickup. Recycling carts and trash cans belong in the driveway and at least 6 feet from the street. Don't place recycling carts or trash cans on snow drifts.

### **Sidewalks**

Residents are responsible for the removal of snow/ice on sidewalks in front of their property. Sidewalks along selected routes that are on main roadways which provide ways of access for school children and the downtown area will be plowed by the DPW. Your assistance is imperative in making our sidewalks safe by ensuring that snow is cleared from the sidewalk in front of your property.

### **Mailboxes**

In the past, some residents have experienced problems with their mailboxes due to the impact of the snow pushed by our plows. Please check all mailbox poles to make sure they are strong & secure. The Town of North Attleborough will not be responsible for mailboxes that are damaged during plow operations.

### **Basketball Hoops/Other**

Obstructions such as basketball hoops, skateboard ramps, bikes etc. that are within the town road boundary must be removed as soon as possible. Residents are reminded that a road boundary or public way often extends beyond the pavement. Snow piles left out in the road by homeowners or private snow plowers are also prohibited.

For further information concerning the Department's snow and ice operations, please call 508-695-9621.

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