

Snow & Ice Control

Snow & Ice Removal Operations

The purpose of this program is to provide safe travel throughout the village and cost effective clearing and removal of ice and snow from village streets and parking lots.

Every storm is unique due to rate and accumulation of snowfall, moisture content and temperature during and after the storm.

While a plan does exist and there is a standard method of operation, there must be flexibility within the plan to account the variations with the individual events.

Downtown Snow Removal

Downtown streets will be plowed and salted during daytime hours. After a 2" snowfall event, the following morning public works will clear the sidewalks at 3 a.m.

After the sidewalks are cleared, snowplow drivers will pull snow away from the sidewalks and plow to the center lane of downtown.

At this time our loader with a 14' push plow will remove the snow and store it by the train tracks on Rinn ave.

Classes of Roads

For snow and ice purposes, there are three distinct classes of road, which are maintained at different levels.

These are listed in priority order as follows:

1 *Main Streets*

These include bridges, arterials, as well as residential streets having inclines, street slopes and curves.

2 *Residential Streets*

These include lesser-traveled streets and no outlets.

3 *Alleys and Parking lots*

Alleys and parking lots are lowest priority but may be cleared at the same time residential streets are done depending on frequency of use.

Damage Complaints

Due to the nature of snow plowing operations, accidents may occur. The snow plow team's first priority is safety! The following is a listing of some of the more common types of damage that may occur and procedures for resolving them.

Vehicle Damage

Anytime a Village vehicle is involved in an accident with another vehicle the appropriate law enforcement officials must be notified to investigate the incident.

Parkway Damage

Most parkway damage occurs because a plow truck "rides" over the curb or there is no curb. Repairs to sod will be made on a complaint basis only.

Mailboxes

While plow truck operators make every effort to avoid mailboxes, they do on occasion hit or knock one over. Reports on mailbox damage may come from a resident or the driver. If this occurs a supervisor will investigate the incident as soon as possible. Properly placed mailboxes are those which are mounted not more than 45" and not less than 41" from the ground to the top of the mailbox and more importantly, the front of the mailbox must be not less than 6" or more than 8" back from the curb or road shoulder (<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>). If a properly mounted mailbox is determined to have been damaged by a plow or by plow-thrown snow, the Village will reimburse the resident up to \$25 for a mailbox of their choice. If a mailbox is improperly placed, the Village will not be responsible for any damage to the mailbox which occurs during snow plowing operations.