

Town of Newburgh Winter Snow Event Guidelines



As the winter season approaches and the possibility of winter snow storms increase, residents are reminded of the Town of Newburgh's approach to snow removal for the 2019-2020 winter season.

Please take caution during any snow storm. If at all possible, please remain home when it is still snowing outside. During snow cleanup operations, the Town of Newburgh snow plows will inadvertently push snow onto sidewalks. This is unavoidable and it is the responsibility of the adjacent residential or business owner to remove these snow berms from the sidewalks. Residents should try to get their vehicles off the streets until the Town crew have had a chance to clear the streets.

Streets

Street plowing operations are performed in the following order:

1. Major snow routes
2. Start salting all hills and intersections
3. Secondary Streets
4. Widen roads to full street capacity

The Town does NOT plow alleys



Snow removal crews work long hours to keep the streets clear and safe. We ask for everyone's cooperation to help keep streets safe as well. Remember, snowplow trucks cannot stop or turn as readily as most vehicles.

It should not be expected that streets would immediately be clear to pavement.

A mixture of sun, sand and traffic is utilized to help with the de-icing process. Some snow is left on the street after plowing because allowances must be made for manhole lids and other above pavement obstacles to avoid damaging snow plow blades.

When plowing is required, snow berms are created across driveways. The plow operators do not have control over the snow berms of snow coming of the edge of the blade. The Street Department tries to keep this problem to a minimum.



Shoveling Recommendations

The following are shoveling recommendations for residents and commercial property owners.



- Commercial property owners are responsible for plowing commercial parking lots, driveways and public sidewalks adjoining their businesses.
- Residential property owners are responsible for shoveling or plowing public sidewalks adjoining their homes.
- For safety, snow should not be shoveled or plowed into the street.
- Shovel out fire hydrants that are in or around your property and around meters to aid utility meter readers.
- Uncover your mailbox and create a path for postal vehicles to pull up to mailboxes.
- Help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow.

During Snowfall Events

The Town of Newburgh will mobilize its street crew when there is a measurable accumulation of snowfall or if the winter mix is causing a hazardous driving situation such as freezing rain. The Street Department is responsible for around 22 miles of roadway with a fleet of 4 snow plows and a crew of 4 employees. The Street Crew rotates on a 2-man crew until all streets are cleared.

Report an Issue—The Town of Newburgh makes every effort to clear the roads from curb to curb where cars are not parked on the street. In some situations, the snow plow may damage/remove mailboxes that are set close to the street or damage the street itself. This is unavoidable. Mailbox, sod damage or road damage complaints will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. If you believe you have damage caused by a snow plow, please call 812-853-1720.