

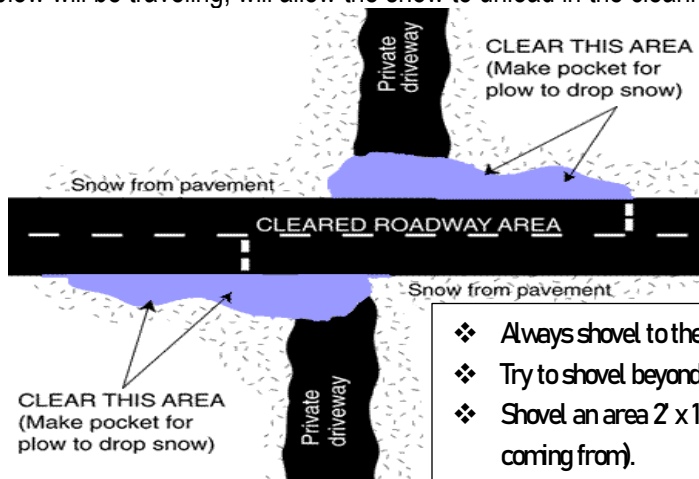


WINTER STORM TIPS AND SNOW REMOVAL

Each year the City of Washington's challenge is to clear snow from the city streets in minimal time. During heavy snowfall, the main roadways (those that carry the most traffic), are given first priority for salting and plowing, and then crews move on to the secondary streets and cul-de-sacs. The next step is to "widen out" and clear all the streets. Crews do their best to be attentive in regards to driveways and minimize inconveniences to residents. The plow sometimes can fill in areas on previously cleaned driveways and sidewalks. Property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice from their property "including what has been placed upon such areas as a result of the plows used in the clearing operations.

➤ How to keep your driveway clear

Following the diagram below when shoveling your driveway may help to avoid the driveway being blocked during snow removal. The snow that is in front of a plow will unload whenever it passes a clear area. Providing a clear area on the side of the driveway where the plow will be traveling, will allow the snow to unload in the clearing before your driveway instead of in your driveway.



- ❖ Always shovel to the right side. Do not shovel into the street.
- ❖ Try to shovel beyond the curb. Clear an area 2' past the end of your driveway.
- ❖ Shovel an area 2' x 15' up the street from your driveway (direction plow truck will be coming from).

➤ Avoid Unnecessary Driving During Plowing Operations

Reduce unnecessary driving during snow plowing operations and stay off roadways whenever possible during winter storms. Snow plowing can become difficult with stalled, stuck or parked cars in the street. Traffic congestion slows plows and delays snow & ice removal operations. Do NOT try to pass Snowplows on roadways, and do not follow too closely, "Stay Back a Safe Distance".

➤ Cars in the Street & Cul-de-Sacs

Cars parked on the street and in the cul-de-sacs, become a major problem during inclement winter weather. As the plow goes around the parked vehicle, it leaves piles of snow on the roadway, so if possible remove vehicles from the streets and cul-de-sacs during snowstorms. NEVER park vehicles in front of your driveway to eliminate snow buildup at your driveway. This can result in your vehicle being blocked in and surrounded by snow from the plows trying to maneuver around your vehicle.

➤ Solid Waste Carts/Trash Bags

Place Trash/Recycle Carts & Trash Bags on the edge of your driveway do not place them in the street. This allows Snowplow Drivers to clear snow more quickly & effectively.

➤ Start Clearing Snow Early

Fresh snow weighs less than older snow so you should clear snow as soon as it has fallen. As the snow hits the ground, it compacts and becomes wet, making it heavier. It can also turn into ice and become very difficult to remove. Please do not throw snow into the street from your sidewalk & driveway.

➤ Do not forget your mail carrier.

Make sure you clear around your mailbox every time it snows.



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LEAVE SOONER, DRIVE SLOWER, LIVE LONGER