

Town of Bridgewater
Winter Maintenance Plan and Policy

Plowing:

1. First priority for plowing will be to open the major traffic and bus routes.
2. After those major routes are cleared, the second priority for plowing will be the remainder of the roads at the discretion of the Road Foreman.
3. Vehicles should not be parked within the road right of way or in places where plow trucks or school buses turn around during all winter weather events.
4. The Town of Bridgewater has three (3) employees to preform winter maintenance on 45 miles of roads. Each employee has a specific route for plowing and sanding. These routes may vary for emergency situations (fire, ambulance etc.)
5. The town does not plow or sand Class 4 highways or private roads and driveways.

Use of Salt and Sand:

1. The town does not have a black (bare) road policy. Travelers who use Town roads should exercise due care and reasonable caution during changing winter weather conditions.
2. Salt will be applied to most paved roads with a minimum amount of sand added as necessary. Salt is not effective when road temperatures are below 20 degrees.
3. Sand will be applied to gravel roads. With the use of sand in winter maintenance material, some particles may be as large as 3/4" in size and may cause windshield damage. Travelers should use caution and avoid following other vehicles and town truck too closely. The town will not pay for any vehicle repair, such as replacement of windshields.

General Provisions:

1. Class 4 roads may be plowed and maintained at the discretion of the Selectboard and may allow for private maintenance agreements.
2. Maintenance operations during winter storm events shall begin at approximately 4:00 am and continue until routes are cleared. After 12 hours on the job, Road Department personnel may be required to stop operations and take a minimum of six (6) hours of rest.
3. In most cases, such as a major snowstorm, there will be no winter maintenance between the hours of 10:00 pm and 4:00 am.
4. Neither the Town nor its drivers are responsible for any damages to any structures erected within the Town Right of Way. Examples include mailboxes, stone walls, trees, flowers, private signs and fences.
5. State Law prohibits plowing, blowing or shoveling of snow across or onto a Town or State Highway. Violators may be subject to a fine or penalty and may also be liable for damage to property, vehicles, and any undue cost to the town for removal of this snow.

Dated at Bridgewater, Vermont this 22 day of October, 2019


Lynne Bertram, Chair


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Brian Bontrager


Jeffrey Sailer, Road Foreman