

SNOW & ICE CONTROL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Which streets are salted?

The Village's Public Works Department salts all Village streets. The main arterial and minor collector streets receive a full salting. The side streets, cul-de-sacs, and dead end streets receive a spot salting. Full saltings are also done in areas which pose a special safety hazard to motorists or pedestrians, such as school crossings, roadway curves and inclines.

2. How soon after a snowfall does plowing and salting operations begin?

Depending on the weather forecast, salting operations may begin in advance of a snow storm, otherwise it will begin shortly thereafter. Once called out for service, snow removal staff begin plowing and salting according to routes established to make optimum use of manpower, equipment and salt supplies. Because of their traffic function and posted speed limit, local arterials and collectors are plowed and salted with a higher priority than plowing on local side streets, dead ends, and cul-de-sacs.

3. Does the Village impose a parking ban?

The Village has an odd-even parking ordinance which becomes effective upon the first two inches of snowfall of the year. When there are two (2) or more inches of snowfall "Odd-Even" street parking goes into effect so that streets may be plowed. Odd-Even street parking requires residents to park in front of even numbered addresses starting at 6:00 PM on the odd numbered calendar day until 6:00 PM of the even numbered calendar day. (All normal parking signs and regulations remain in effect). Odd-Even street parking requires residents to park in front of odd numbered addresses starting at 6:00 PM on the even numbered calendar day until 6:00 PM of the odd numbered calendar day and remains in effect until streets are cleared. (All normal parking signs and regulations remain in effect).

4. Why can't the Village's snow plow staff keep from discharging snow in front of my driveway during plowing operations?

The Village's Public Works Department, like most suburban highway maintenance departments, utilizes angle plows to remove snow from the streets. The major advantage of an angle plow design is that it enables snow removal staff to rapidly and efficiently respond to a snow call out request. It is impossible with side angle plow design to prevent a windrow of snow from forming in front of a driveway entrance. Though an inconvenience, curbside discharge of snow is a necessary tradeoff of initiating a rapid response for snow removal service for our residents. Furthermore, we ask residents to refrain from shoveling the snow from their driveways back into the streets. Doing so can impede traffic flow and create a danger to motorists that increases the likelihood of injury and property damage. Snow redistribution on the street gets compacted and hardens into ice patches.

5. What other information do I need to know to assist the Village's Snow Removal Operation?

Large ornamental rocks placed along the curb pose a significant safety hazard to snow removal equipment. Ornamental rocks adjacent to a curb are classified as a right-of-way obstruction and MUST be relocated to prevent serious damage to plow and salt trucks.

Residents who have a fire hydrant on their property are asked to remove snow from around the hydrant.

On garbage collection days, residents are asked to keep their refuse and recycling containers off of the street and curb line.