

WINTER MAINTENANCE IN CONCORD

Here are some useful tips and information about snow plowing operations in Concord. We appreciate your cooperation and help in keeping Concord safe.

Concord's Storm Strategy

Before a storm begins weather radar and weather reports are monitored to ensure that the proper mix of personnel and equipment are ready and available to keep Concord's roads, sidewalks and municipal parking lots as safe as possible.

Plowing normally begins when accumulations reach two inches. Frequently the main roads in town are pre-treated with salt or a sand mix to prevent bonding of snow to the pavement. If forecasts indicate a fast-moving, low-accumulation storm, plowing may be delayed until the snow stops. Once the snowfall has stopped and plowing is winding down, sanders will begin post-storm treatment of roads, parking lots, and sidewalks. Up to fifty pieces of Town and private equipment are involved in plowing and treatment operations.

Each storm is different so that our storm strategy must be constantly adjusted to achieve the best results. This being New England, keeping Concord's streets and walks safe is an on-going challenge.

Restricted Salt Policy

Concord Public Works follows a restricted salt policy to keep town roads as safe as possible without the overuse of chemicals. We do this by: a) using straight salt only on Concord's main roads; b) using calibrated dispensing equipment that control application amounts according to

vehicle speed and weather conditions; c) using under-vehicle plows attached to sanding trucks for more efficient salt use; d) treating road salt in colder temperatures with liquid calcium chloride (15% strength) so that salt works more efficiently and fewer applications are needed; and e) using pavement temperature monitoring equipment and real time weather information to optimize treatments.

Winter Parking Ban: November. 1 – April 1

For safer streets and to ensure 24-7 access for emergency vehicles a Winter Parking Ban is in effect from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. November 1st to April 1st. Please remind your guests. Vehicles will be towed if necessary. There is also no overnight parking in municipal parking lots.

Driveways

Unfortunately it isn't possible to cost-effectively keep Concord's roads free of snow and ice and not push snow in front of driveways. Therefore removal of snow from driveway openings is each homeowner's responsibility.

Be sure not to shovel, blow, or plow snow and ice into the public ways. It is against the Town Bylaw and property owners can be fined. If you have a private contractor make sure you remind them of this bylaw because you are held responsible for their actions.

Sidewalks

Pedestrian safety is important. We are aware walkers don't wear seatbelts or have airbags for protection. Sidewalk plowing is therefore integrated into our storm response efforts with walks cleared during and after storms, normally for accumulations of two inches or more. School walking routes and business districts are cleared first. Commercial and high use sidewalks are also sanded.

Your cooperation is essential to help keep our sidewalks clear. *Please don't plow in or obstruct your sidewalk. Encourage your neighbors to do the same.*

Fire Hydrants

If you have a fire hydrant out front take the time to keep it accessible and free of ice and snow. Every minute counts if there is a fire.

Recycling and Trash Containers

Keep your recycling and trash containers out of harm's way—away from snow banks and plows. TIPS: If it's snowing the night before, put your containers out in the morning. If there is a storm, consider waiting until the following week to set out your containers. If municipal collection is cancelled due to inclement weather materials will be collected *the following week on your regular collection day, not on the following day.* Please bring in your containers so they won't freeze in snow banks or interfere with snow removal efforts.

Winter Sand

Sand is available free of charge next to the sewer pump station on Keyes Road across from the Citgo gas station.

Snow Plowing Telephone Numbers

- ☐ Monday – Friday: 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
978-318-3220
 - ☐ After 3:30 p.m. & Weekends/Holidays
978-318-3400
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Thank you! Have a safe and enjoyable winter!

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