

# Winter is coming!

The Speedway Street Department works to keep our roads safe during snow and ice events. As we enter the winter months, please take note of the Town's treatment plan for any upcoming winter weather events:



## **PRIORITY AREAS:**

### **Treatment of Main Thoroughfares, School Zones, Fire Stations, Utilities**

- Street Department staff will be available and preparing before rain is scheduled to transition over to freezing precipitation.
- Pretreatment cannot be done before the rain turns to ice as any applied salt will simply be washed away by the rain.
- Staff will begin salting the main thoroughfares, school zones, fire stations, and utilities once the rain ends.
- When the precipitation changes to a plowable snow, plowing will begin on main thoroughfares, school zones, fire stations and utilities. Salt will be applied to intersections, curves, and bridges during this plowing process.
- Once snow moves out of the area, roadway cleanup will begin, salting of main thoroughfares will continue as needed, and plowing of side streets will be completed until safe for travel.
- In the case of a large winter event and falling temperatures, Street Department staff will continue working to prevent refreezing.

## **SECONDARY AREAS:**

### **Side Street and Alley Treatment**

The Town's snow removal policy is that trucks will **plow side streets and alleys** when there is **three inches or more** of accumulated snow.

- Street Department staff will be plowing side streets.
- Staff will plow until every side street is plowed for safe travel.
- Side streets are not typically salted. However, in the case of an ice storm event, salt will be used at side street intersections.

## **How Can Residents Help**

- Do not park vehicles in the street.
  - When clearing streets, depositing some snow in private driveways is unavoidable for plow trucks. It is recommended to wait until the street has been plowed before clearing driveways or sidewalks.
  - Please shovel or blow the snow from driveway and sidewalk into the yard –not the street. Pushing snow back into a plowed street can result in a cleared street no longer being safe to travel.
  - In the case of a prolonged snow event, side streets may be plowed more than one time, depending on snow accumulation amounts.
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