

Snow and Ice Control Policy
Town of Lebanon

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Snow Removal Rules and Information

Residents of Town of Lebanon

- Roadside bins must stay on private property. The Town is not liable for any damage as a result of bins damaged by passing traffic.
- No shoveling, plowing and/or blowing snow into or across roadways or onto town right-of-ways.
- As per Town Ordinance adopted in 2007: “No motor vehicle shall be parked on any street, road, or highway maintained by said Town of Lebanon, during, or for twelve (12) hours following any storm during the period from November 1 to April 1, and to provide that violators shall be subject to a fine of forty-eight dollars (\$48.00), plus any other fees incurred if it is necessary for the Town to remove the vehicle in order to perform its maintenance duties.”
- No use of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, or snow skiing on town roadways during or following a snow or ice event.
- A minimum of 200 feet should be maintained behind any Town vehicle engaged in winter snow and ice control activities to safely allow for vehicles to stop or back up at any given time to perform snow and ice control activities.
- During a Snow or Ice event it is the responsibility of the DPW to keep the town's roadways open for travel and emergency access during said storm as best possible depending on storm type, duration and amounts of accumulation.
- The DPW at the onset of a snow and/or Ice event will typically make a standard pass on all paved roads treating roadways with an Ice control measure consisting of a sand/salt mixture. Then during the course of the storm the DPW will while plowing apply additional applications of sand/salt mixture as needed.
- All unimproved (gravel roads) are treated as secondary roads and depending on storm type and duration of the storm, the DPW may not be seen right away. These roads are treated differently. We do our best to keep them open and not to let them Ice up but sometimes it's better to leave the snow and wait. Typically after some accumulation DPW will go out (plow) and make a pass and treat with straight sand. Mostly we monitor conditions and treat accordingly keeping in mind the best practices for an unimproved road (it's an imperfect practice).
- Resident's and the motoring public are encouraged to take precautions and drive accordingly (slow) to road condition and to be aware of the unexpected.
- The DPW always tries it's best to have roadway cleaned and push back in a timely manner shortly after the storm so property owners can do their final clean up on their own properties. In general the DPW has up to 24 hours after any given storm to push back the edges of the roads to maintain said road width so residents and the motoring public can travel as safely as possible. It is conceivable that property owners may again have to clear access to their property. It is against town policy for a property owner or any contractor hired of a property owner to put or leave any snow in a public road way or right away. If a property owner or contractor is found to leave roadway or right of way in a hazardous condition they may be subject to fines.

- Residents are encouraged to take all necessary precautions to protect their mailbox and post while not creating a road hazard. All efforts will be made by each plow operator to avoid damage to mailboxes and posts. **The Town is not responsible for damage by plowed snow coming in contact with the mailbox or post.** Should damage occur by Town vehicle physically hitting mailbox or post, the aggrieved person should contact the First Selectman's Office and incident will be investigated. Postal Service regulations dictate the location of mailboxes and posts in close proximity to the edge of pavement within the Town right-of-way. This information can be found at www.usps.com.