

TOWN OF THORNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW

The policy of the Town of Thorntown is to undertake snow removal activities as thoroughly as necessary to ensure the safest vehicular travel reasonably possible and provide access to all homes. A main roadway completely clear of all snow does not serve the homeowner who is snowed in on a neighborhood street. Therefore, while the initial focus during a snow event is addressing primary roadways, the side streets and neighborhood streets are addressed as quickly as possible and then concurrently throughout the remainder of the storm. It is important to remember that the goal during winter weather is not streets completely free of snow, but rather streets that provide traction and vehicular control.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How much snow do we get before you plow?

A: Plowing is always viewed as a last resort. In any snow event, we try to melt as much of it as possible. Once the decision to plow is made, usually when 2 or more inches have accumulated, or are expected to accumulate, plowing will commence. If weather conditions are favorable and the snow is melting effectively, plowing may be suspended.

Q: Can you avoid plowing across my driveway and blocking me in or out?

A: Unfortunately, no. There is no other way to remove snow than starting in the middle of the street and moving outward. This always results in a generally uniform placement of snow along the edge of the street, which means across drives as well. It is not intentional, but merely unavoidable in any practical sense.

Q: Who decides when to apply salt to the streets?

A: The Town Council President monitors weather and tries to anticipate as much as possible.

Q: What can a resident or business owner do to facilitate the snow plow process?

A: Keeping the streets free of parked cars is extremely beneficial. Additionally, do not throw snow cleared from sidewalks and driveways into the street. These areas will tend to refreeze quickly creating icy spots on the roads. Also, whenever practical locate trash cans a few extra feet from the street to avoid disturbance caused by snow being cast from the plows.

Q: What areas are to be plowed?

A: In addition to the town streets, the Fire Department parking lot should be plowed.

Please contact the Town Council President with any specific questions. Public safety is our primary goal, and we ask that during the snowy winter season, everyone understand that there are certain inherent problems associated with snow removal beyond the plain nuisance of it all.

*****Note: Does the trail need to be plowed? Are any alley ways the responsibility of the Town for plowing?**