

Town of Londonderry

Road Department Winter Roads Policy

PURPOSE

The Town of Londonderry has established this policy to clearly state priorities for the clearing, maintenance and repair of Town owned roads to ensure the safe and efficient passage of vehicles through the town during the period of November 15 to April 30 of each year.

It is our goal to achieve this at the earliest practical time and in the most cost efficient manner during a storm event.

Each winter storm event is unique. It is impractical to develop specific rules on winter maintenance operations. Therefore, the judgment of the Road Foreman will often govern quantities and type of applications used to control snow and ice. Public safety is always the top priority.

PLOWING

1. The first priority for plowing will be to open major traffic and school bus routes.
2. After major routes are cleared, the second priority for plowing will be the remainder of the Town roads.
3. The Town of Londonderry has 3 employees to do winter road maintenance on 52.2 miles of Class 2 and Class 3 roads. Each employee has a specific route that takes approximately 4 hours to complete. These routes may vary for emergency situations.
4. The Town will enforce the Londonderry Parking Ordinance as adopted October 2014, including places where plow trucks or school buses turn around during winter events.
5. The Town of Londonderry does not plow Class 4 roads, private roads or private driveways.

USE OF SALT AND SAND

1. The Town of Londonderry does not have a bare road policy. Travelers who use town roads should exercise due care and reasonable caution during changing winter weather conditions.
2. Salt will be applied to paved roads with a minimum of sand added. Salt is not effective when road temperatures are below 20 degrees.
3. Sand will be applied to gravel roads. Generally, sand will be applied after plowing. Some particles may be large enough to cause windshield damage and motorists should use caution and avoid following other vehicles or town trucks too closely.

4.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. State law (23 V.S.A. §1126a) prohibits plowing, blowing, or shoveling snow across or onto a Town road or State highway. Violators may be subject to a fine or penalty and may also be liable for damage to property, vehicles, and any undue cost to the Town for removal of this snow.
2. Under 19 V.S.A. §111, "Prohibits Encroachments of Towns Right-of-Way Without Approval," objects in the Town's rights-of-way are placed at the owner's risk and the Town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed in violation of the state statutes.
3. The Town cannot take responsibility for damage to mailboxes due to the weight of snow coming off the plow or wing blade.
4. State highways are maintained by the state not the Town of Londonderry. The state policy for Routes 100 and 11 is "full width bare pavement as soon as practical next working day following storm."

This policy is hereby adopted by the Select Board of the Town of Londonderry, Vermont, this 6th day of April, 2015 and is effective until amended or repealed.

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