

TOWN OF MILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Snow and Ice Policy

Pursuant to RSA 231:92-a, 507-B2-b the Milford Board of Selectmen hereby establishes the following policy for winter maintenance.

Objective:

The Town of Milford seeks to provide timely, efficient and cost-effective winter maintenance, snow removal, and ice control on the Town's public highways, bridges and sidewalks, for the safety and benefit of the Town's residents and the general motoring and pedestrian public.

Procedure:

The objective stated above will be achieved by implementation and execution of this Policy, and the DPW Snow Removal and Ice Control SOP. Due to the many variables that are inherent in New England weather, each storm or weather event may require slightly different effort or emphasis on any number of maintenance tasks which, together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal or ice control strategy.

Level of Service:

It is not reasonably possible to maintain snow and ice free roads or sidewalks during storms or adverse weather events. The town intends to utilize its best efforts, within the means available, to provide practical, safe access to the town's public highways, bridges and sidewalks for travel.

(A) As a general policy, the Town will start to conduct snow removal operations upon accumulations of 1 to 2 inches of snowfall. The Director of Public Works or Highway Manager may, at his or her discretion, based upon weather information reports or prevailing conditions, elect to not remove snow until greater or lesser amounts have accumulated.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy, snow removal or road or sidewalk treatment operations may be suspended at any time when continuing operations would pose a hazard to persons or property.

(C) Pre-treatment and ice control may be implemented prior to, during, or after a storm, as determined to be most effective, noting that salt has a much slower effect on

melting snow and ice at temperatures below 25 degrees Fahrenheit, and thus may not be applied until it is warmer.

(D) Sidewalk snow clearance will be conducted as soon as possible during winter storms. Equipment, personnel and the need to maintain safe roadways will generally take priority.

Implementation:

This policy, including the standard operating procedure, is intended to serve as the normal guideline for winter maintenance operations of snow removal and ice control for the Town of Milford. One or more of the following events or circumstances, which may delay or prevent the implementation of this policy, may affect all or any part of normal operating procedures:

- Equipment Breakdown
- Snow Accumulation in Excess of One Inch per Hour
- Freezing Rain or Other Icing Conditions
- Traffic Congestion
- Emergencies
- Personnel Illness
- Other Events beyond the Reasonable Control of the Town

Command:

Direction of all winter maintenance activities for the town is vested with the Director of Public Works and/or Highway Manager.

Equipment:

The Highway Department utilizes all the assets of the Public Works as needed to address snow and ice emergencies.

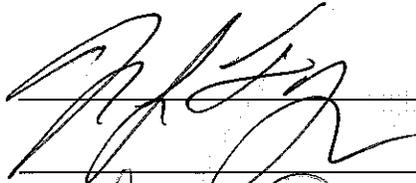
Notice:

All residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the contents hereof as it describes conditions that one might expect to encounter before, during and after a winter storm event.

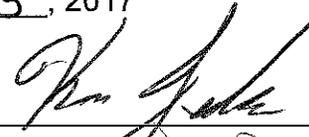
This department's snow removal and ice control policy has been based for many years on the goal of obtaining bare and dry pavements at the earliest practical time following the end of a storm. It is virtually impossible to provide bare pavement during a winter storm and the department does not attempt to do so.

Adoption:

This policy, encompassing standard operating procedures, have been adopted by the Milford Board of Selectmen on Feb 13, 2017



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