

VILLAGE OF GRANTSBURG SNOW / ICE POLICY – January 2015

Snow Removal: The Village of Grantsburg endeavors to maintain safe driving surfaces for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions. This does not mean bare, dry pavement should be expected immediately after snowfall or ice storm. Furthermore, this does not mean that the streets will be completely free of ice and snow. Motorists are expected to modify their driving practices in accordance with the road conditions.

Plowing: Plowing shall consist of moving the snow or ice to either side of the roadway and may also include loading and trucking to a designated location. Street conditions will be monitored during normal working hours by the Director of Public Works or his designate. During Village Crew non-working hours the Police Department, when on duty, and the Village Board will monitor changing weather conditions and will promptly notify the DPW or his designate of snow accumulation of 1 and ½ inches of snow or icy streets. Depending on the severity of the situation an appropriate number of trucks will be dispatched to begin plowing or spreading of sand/salt.

Under normal plowing efforts, snow and ice will be deposited on driveways and/or sidewalks during snow and ice removal operations. This will not be removed by the Village. Strict parking restrictions will be enforced. Initial plowing procedure is to open the streets to allow traffic. Final plowing to push to full width of street is to be done within 24 hours of storms end.

After downtown areas and main roads are plowed residential areas will be plowed. Residential areas are divided into sections. Areas with higher traffic will be done first and followed by the next highest. Cul-de-sacs present a special problem for snow removal crews. Plowing in cul-de-sacs will consist of making one or two passes to clear snow to allow residents street access during the storm. Snow left in the center will not be immediately removed, but will be left, and cleared within 48 hours of storms end.

Alleys and sidewalks described in following sections will also be plowed immediately following snow accumulation. Public Works will clear snow accumulation from fire hydrants after snow has been removed from streets.

SNOW PLOWING PROCEDURE

<u>Type of Precip.</u>	<u>Actual Amount</u>	<u>Procedure</u>
Snow - Trace to 2"	Will not plow	May salt/sand intersections, hills, and curves.
Snow - 2-6"	Will begin plowing	Continue to salt/sand intersections, hills, and curves. If snow occurs during the day the plows will keep the streets open to allow traffic. The final plowing to push to full width of street will be done within 24 hours of storms end. The removal of snow will wait till night or early morning because of efficiency and safety concerns.
Snow - 6" plus	Snow Emergency declared	Will continue to plow to maintain a passable lane. In the event of emergency vehicle traffic, the DPW can be directed to clear a path for emergency vehicles.
Ice	¼" or less	Will salt/sand intersections, hills, and curves.
Ice	¼" or more	Will salt/sand all streets. Snow Emergency may be declared if travel is impeded.

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Damage to Items in the Right-of-Way: Items installed or kept on any Village Right-of-Way may be subject to damage from snowplows. Subsequently, any item other than grass will not be replaced or repaired by the Village when struck by a plow. Underground sprinklers will not be replaced or repaired. Homeowners may also be liable for damage to Village equipment that results from striking obstructions in the Right-of-Way.

Shoulder/R-O-W damage: It is not uncommon during a plowing operation to inadvertently damage the Village Right-of-Way. The Village will address these areas and may make repairs as needed if warranted as determined on a case-by-case basis.

Sidewalk Shoveling: *Village of Grantsburg Ordinance Sec. 6-2-7(a)* **Snow Removal from Sidewalks.** Within twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of any fall of sleet or snow, it shall be the duty of the owners and/or the occupants of any lot or parcel of land in the Village of Grantsburg to remove, or cause to be removed, the snow or sleet from any and all sidewalks adjacent to the premises of such owner or occupant, and to keep the same free and clear of snow and ice for the full width of the sidewalk

Plowing of downtown sidewalks will be done early to efficiently remove snow from the downtown area. The snow from the sidewalks will be removed and deposited into the streets by Public Works. This shall occur when possible before downtown area streets are plowed in order to include the sidewalk snow in final plowing thus keeping downtown clear of snow. If sidewalks are not cleared before the initial plowing they will be cleaned up the following morning.

Placing Material in Street: *Village of Grantsburg Ordinance 6-2-7(c)* **Snow and Ice Not to Encroach.** No person shall push, shovel or in any way deposit any snow or ice onto any public streets, alley, sidewalk or public lands dedicated to public use except for parcels or lots located where existing buildings are constructed within five (5) feet of the street right-of-way and the sidewalks exist from the Village right-of-way to the curb line. In such instances, the owners, occupants and/or employees of parcels or lots shall be permitted to deposit snow and ice from their sidewalks onto the public streets. Failure to remove snow and ice within twenty-four (24) hours shall also constitute a public nuisance and subject responsible persons to the penalties applicable for violation of Village public nuisance ordinances.

Sand/Salt Mix: A salt/sand mix will be applied, when available, at a rate to be determined by the Public Works Department. Application will be dependent on weather conditions.