

The following policy has been established to provide guidelines for the public and for plow operators to follow in order to ensure consistent practices for snow and ice removal during winter storm events. Since all streets cannot be plowed and/or salted first, it is necessary for the Town of Bar Harbor to set priority areas based, primarily, on the need to keep emergency vehicle response routes open and, secondarily, on the volume of traffic. Since all sidewalks cannot be plowed or salted, it is necessary for the Town of Bar Harbor to set priorities based on pedestrian traffic volumes and connection to walking destinations. Regardless, streets take priority over sidewalks.

Snow Plowing - Streets

Priority One – Primary Routes

Top priority shall be given to Cottage Street, Cromwell Harbor Road, Crooked Road, Eagle Lake Road, Fire Department (front area), Firefly Lane, Gilbert Farm Road, Hancock Street, Highbrook Road, Indian Point Road, Knox Road, Ledgelawn Avenue, Main Street, Mt. Desert Street, Norway Drive, Oak Hill Road, Otter Creek Drive (Route 3 to Mt. Desert Town Line), Rodick Street, Town Hill Fire Department Parking Lot, Wayman Lane, West Street and West Street Extension.

Priority Two – Secondary Routes

Once the Priority One roads have been and can be kept clear, work will proceed to , Acadian Woods Circle, Acadian Woods Road, Agamont Lane, Albert Meadow, Amory Lane, Arata Drive, Ash Street, Atlantic Avenue, Barberry Lane, Bayview Drive, Betsy’s Road, Billings Avenue, Bloomfield Road, Bowles Avenue, Breakneck Road, Brewer Avenue, Bridge Street, Cedar Avenue, Center Street, Champlain Road, Clark Cove Road, Cleftstone Road, Connors Emerson, County Road, Cross Street, Davis Place, DeGregoire Park Road, Derby Lane, Des Isle Avenue, Devon Road, Dewey Street, East Street, Edgewood Street, Elbow Lane, Federal Street, Fern Meadow Drive, First South Street, Fogg Road, Folkestone Drive, Forest Street, Glen Mary Road, Gray Road, Great Meadow Drive, Greeley Avenue, Grover Avenue, Hadley Point Road, Harbor Lane, High Street, Holland Avenue, Howe Park Road, Kavanaugh Place, Kebo Street, Kennebec Place, Kennebec Street, Ledgewood Road, Lenox Place, Livingston Road, Loren Street, Lupine Way, Maple Avenue, McFarland Drive, Meadow Drive, Michigan Avenue, Mill Brook Road, Mountain Avenue, Municipal Building Parking Lot, Myrtle Avenue, Newport Drive, Newton Way, Norman Road, Norris Avenue, North Woodbury Road, Oak Street, Ocean Avenue, Old Bar Harbor Road, Old Norway Drive, Oliver Street, Otter Cliff Road, Owl’s Nest Lane, Park Street, Pine Heath Road, Pine Street, Pleasant Street, Police Department Parking Lot, Prospect Avenue, Ridgeway Drive, Roberts Avenue, Roberts Square, Rockwood Avenue, Rodick Place, Russell Farm Road, Sand Point Road, School Street, Schooner Head Road, Seely Road, Shannon Road, Shannon Way, Snow Street, Spring Street, Stanwood Place, Stony Brook Road, Strawberry Hill Road, Summer Street, Transfer Station, Waldron Road, Wescott Avenue, White Deer Circle, White Spruce Road, Woodbury Road and York Street.

Priority Three – Local Streets

Once the Priority Two roads have been and can be kept clear, then work will proceed to the local streets serving only the immediate area: Bridge Street (from West Street to the Sand Bar), Town

Landing Road; Fire Wet Wells at Gilbert Farm Road and Route 3; Turn-around at Head of the Island; and Parking Lots of Backyard, Casino, Grant Park, Central, Kids' Corner and Town Pier.

Snow Plowing - Sidewalks

While sidewalks, generally, will be plowed simultaneously with Town streets, the Highway Division may delay sidewalk plowing as needed to accommodate weather conditions, manpower shortages and equipment breakdowns.

Priority One – Primary Routes

Top priority for sidewalk plowing shall be given to:

Cottage Street – north side

Cottage Street – south side

Eden Street – east side from Mt. Desert Street to the main entrance drive to the Atlantic Oceanside Hotel (includes portions of the Eden Shared Use Path)

Main Street – both sides from West Street to Park Street; east side only from Livingston Road to Schooner Head Road to the end of the new sidewalk on Route 3 past Schooner Head Road

Schooner Head Road – from Main Street to the Jackson Lab

Mt. Desert Street – both sides from Eden Street to Main Street

Priority Two – Secondary Routes

Once the Priority One sidewalks have been and can be kept clear, work will proceed to:

Eagle Lake Road – north side from Eden Street to Forest Street; south side from Forest Street to Parsons Lobster Pound

Holland Avenue – west side from Mt. Desert Street to Cottage Street

Ledgelawn Avenue –both sides from Mt Desert to Cromwell Harbor Road

West Street – north side from Eden Street to 125 West Street; south side from Holland Avenue to Main Street (unable to plow the entire length of north side due to telephone poles placed in sidewalks)

Priority Three – Tertiary Routes

Once the Priority Two sidewalks have been and can be kept clear, work will proceed to:

Park Street – north side from Ledgelawn Avenue to Main Street

Rodick Street – east side from Central (Old PD) parking lot to Cottage Street

Spring Street – east side from Mt. Desert Street to Waldron Road

Waldron Road – north side from Spring Street to Ledgelawn Avenue

Snow Hauling

After the roads and sidewalks have all been plowed and salted, and the crew has rested, the Highway Division can begin hauling snow from the parking lots and those streets where the traffic lanes are restricted. Each project has been given a priority.

Priority One

School crossings and walks.

Curb-to-curb snow removal with snow blower both sides of Cottage Street from Eden Street to Main Street. Curb-to-curb snow removal with snow blower both sides of Main Street from West Street to Park Street. This will immediately help people to park their vehicles along the road sides of businesses, medical offices, residences and the hospital.

Priority Two

Firefly Lane, Ledgelawn Avenue and Mt. Desert Street

Priority Three

Municipal Parking Lots

Priority Four

Intersections and corners where snow is restricting visibility

Priority Five

The sidewalk on the easterly side of Rodick Street between Cottage Street and the Central Parking lot

Mailbox Replacement

By law, the Town has no responsibility for snowplow damage to mailboxes located within the Town's right-of-way. However, in the interest of assisting citizens whose mailbox may have been damaged by a Town snowplow, the Town will replace and install a standard, utility style, mailbox, house numbers and post when time permits, if the existing box and post were in good repair and installed in accordance with written specifications provided by the Public Works Department.

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