

This guide is to assist Brian Head Town residents and visitors by providing general information on our Snow Removal Policy

## **SNOW CONDITIONS:**

Public Works will be on the roadways as soon as the snow depth reaches 4 inches or at the direction of the Public Works Director and in cooperation with the Marshal's Department. Response time to your street will depend on several factors: the moisture of the snow, timing and duration of the storm.

Highway 143 is a State Highway and UDOT is responsible for all snow removal operations. During heavy snowfall or emergency conditions The Town will assist at UDOT's request.

Snow has different weights and compacting properties. A fluffy, dry snow requires less de-icing material and plowing than a heavy wet snow. Wet snow may result in very slippery conditions especially when the snow freezes on the pavement.

The timing of a storm can also determine when crews will begin their cleanup. During high commuting times, crews will make every effort to keep major streets clear of snow and ice. Secondary and side streets will be cleared as soon as possible. Top priority will be given to heavily traveled roads and bus routes to ensure everyone's safety. Snow that falls on these roads often becomes packed by cars, making it more difficult to remove. During evening and early morning storms, Public Works crews should have ample time to prepare the roads for the commuting hours.

Duration of a storm plays an important role in snow plowing operations. Storms of extended duration require all available resources to keep roads open over an extended period of time. A snow storm of four inches over a 24-hour period will require more time and man-hours than a storm of six inches over an eight-hour period.

Brian Head Town Public Works strives to ensure the safest possible conditions during and after winter storms. Plows will continue to clean, treat and widen roadways until reasonable safe conditions are met.

Please keep in mind that plows are still hard at work well after the snow has stopped falling.

## **SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES:**

From November 1 to April 30, snow removal crews are prepared to work 24 hours a day. Streets with the most traffic receive top plowing priority. These include bus routes, and Town streets, core business areas. Once these streets are safe and passable, crews proceed with second and third priority streets and cul-de-sacs in residential areas. As long as the snow keeps falling, the Town's first priority is to keep the main roads open and passable. In such instances, it is unlikely that residential roads will be reached immediately because main roads must be repeatedly plowed and kept open. As soon as all priority streets are clear, plows will move into residential areas. Cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets are plowed last as they carry the lowest volume of traffic.

## **PARKING:**

No person shall park any vehicle or place any object that interferes with the snow plowing or snow removal efforts on any Town street.

## **OBSTRUCTIONS:**

Town right-of-way for snow storage extends five to 10 feet back from the curb. Landscaping installed within the right-of-way is at the property owner's risk. It is best to place a stake near fencing, trees, lot corners and ornamental rocks to protect your personal property and make the plow routes safer for drivers.

When hiring an independent snowplow service, make sure the contractor is licensed and complies with Municipal codes. Snow removed from your property belongs on your property, so please make sure your service does not plow snow onto a neighbor's yard or onto the public right-of-way.

Please make sure the dumpster areas are clear.

## DRIVEWAYS, RIGHT-OF-WAYS & SNOW STORAGE

Brian Head Town Public Works makes every effort to minimize the amount of snow that gets plowed into driveways; however, it is almost inevitable that this will occur. Clearing driveway openings is the responsibility of the property owner.

Plow operators cannot lift plow blades as they pass a driveway. Snow will be plowed into driveways as snowplows perform curb to curb plowing. You may wish to clear your driveway several times during a storm or wait until the storm and plowing activities have ended. Please keep in mind that one of the last steps in any snowplowing operation is to push the edges back to widen the road and allow for future snow storage. This standard operation may result in the placement of snow at the end of your driveway, which is an unfortunate and unavoidable consequence of snow plowing.

Shoveling, plowing or blowing snow back into the street when clearing a driveway is prohibited by the Town Ordinance and could be enforced with a fine. To minimize the amount of snow left in front of your driveway, clear an area to the left of the driveway entrance. When your street is plowed, snow from the plow can be unloaded in this area instead of your driveway.

Residents in subdivisions are encouraged to park off the street during a storm. If a snow emergency is declared, it is illegal to park on the street.

## FIRE HYDRANTS & STORM DRAINS:

Tall poles are placed adjacent to fire hydrants on public streets so they can be seen from snowplows and fire vehicles. If you notice a fire hydrant that has not been marked, please call Public Works at 435-677-2029. It is extremely important to keep fire hydrants accessible to assist fire crews in the event of an emergency.

## WINTER TIPS:

- Respect parking restrictions. Snowplows must navigate many narrow streets. Residents are requested to avoid parking on the street to allow the snowplow to clear the street. Cars that remain on the street and restrict plowing may be ticketed and/or towed allow the snowplow to clear the street. Cars that remain on the street and restrict plowing may be ticketed and/or towed
- Pay close attention to the weather forecasts.
- Do not pile snow around or near fire hydrants. Hydrants need to be clear of snow.
- Please do not plow, shovel or blow snow onto the street. It is a violation of Town Ordinance.
- Observe all winter parking bans