



Hubbardston DPW

Winter Awareness

Town By-laws — Public Awareness

1. During storms and snow clearing, it is very important that trash bins and motor vehicles are not parked or impede snow plowing or treating of public streets so as not to allow emergency services to be administered. Vehicles will be towed, at owner's expense, if operations are impeded.
2. Town by-law prohibits the pushing, shoveling, snow blowing, or discarding of snow across the roadway into a public way. Also, building of snow forts or tunnels on public rights of way, including sidewalks, is prohibited.
3. Town by-law (Chapter XVI, Section 1.1) states 'No person shall obstruct the free and convenient use for travel of any public way or sidewalk without a written permit from the Board of Selectmen.
3. Town by-law (Chapter XVI, Section 1.7) states that there shall be no obstruction of snow removal.
4. Town by-law (Chapter XVII, Section 1.0) restricts parking more than one hour between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 am. from December 1~ to March 31~. The DPW will notify the Police Department to take appropriate action against any violation of these said by-laws.
5. Snow should not be pushed or shoveled onto or in front of fire hydrants so as to block access and view of the hydrants.

Communication and Public Information

1. Any problems that the public has, regarding conditions of roads, should be

directed to the DPW, located at 68 Worcester Road, Hubbardston, MA 01452 or by telephone at 978-928-1408, between the normal working hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Emergency requests during non-working hours should be directed to the Police Department on Main Street, Hubbardston, MA 01452, or by telephone at 978-928-1405.

The dispatcher will then call the on-call DPW employee and he will call in DPW personnel as outlined in the call-out procedure posted at the Dispatch Center.

2. All complaints will be answered, normally, within a 24-48 hour period after the storm. Every effort will be given to correct the problem.
3. Sometimes there are many complaints about damage to private property.
 - The town's policy regarding the usage of the town's right-of-way is that it will be at the owner's risk and the town will not assume liability if something is damaged. Example: Fences, flower pots, basketball hoops, garbage containers, mail boxes, etc.
 - The town authorizes the usage of mailboxes in rural areas, which is located on a public way. The town has jurisdiction over these areas.
 - The town will fix or replace a mailbox if it is determined by the DPW Director that a plow physically hit the mailbox. The determination will be made by observing marks, paint removal from plow, wheel tracks, witnesses, etc.
 - Most times heavy snow being discarded from the plow will knock over and damage mailboxes that have not been secured, braced correctly or when a door has been left open. The town will not fix or replace boxes in this situation.
 - When town equipment is damaged due to objects placed in the town's right-of-way, the town may recover damages.

Winter Sand for Town's Residents:

A maximum of two 5 gallon pails of sand may be taken for walkway and stair use. Town sand will not be available for driveways, as it is the home-owners responsibility for acquiring the materials for that use. The sand is available at the entrance to the Recycling Center driveway just south of the DPW Garage entrance, located at 68 Worcester Rd., 24 hours a day.

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