

TOWN OF MASSEY DRIVE

SNOW CLEARING FAQ's

How much equipment does the town have and how much does it cost?

The town currently has one salt/sand truck equipped with a blade and side wing. One loader with bucket, snow basket, and blade and wing attachments. We also have one large snow blower attachment that mounts to the loader and a back-up salt/sand spreader mounted in the town's 4x4 pick up truck.

The town's annual operating budget for snow clearing averages about \$150,000.00

Why does the plow keep coming by when the snow has stopped?

Often times the plowing of snow from the streets is done in several stages. The first stage is usually to keep the main section of the road open so vehicles can travel safely. The next stage would involve pushing the snow back to widen the road as much as possible. If snowfall continues then plowing will continue also.

When do the town's snow clearing regulations and on street parking ban come into effect?

The town's snow clearing regulations are in effect from November 1 to April 30 of the succeeding year. During that period on street parking is not permitted between the hours of midnight and 8 AM or any time during a heavy snow fall or for 12 hours after. Residents moving their vehicles onto the road, in order to clear their driveways is acceptable, but are expected to move their vehicle to allow the plow to pass.

What hours do the town's snow clearing equipment operate?

The town's snow clearing equipment is regularly scheduled to operate with at least one piece of equipment on at all times from 5 AM to midnight 7 days per week. Weather conditions sometimes dictate work outside these normal hours and in those situations hours may be extended.

If I have nowhere to throw my snow can it be placed on the road, pushed across the street onto the adjacent snow bank, or the snow bank in front of my property?

No. Pushing or placing in any way snow onto a road reserve, as well as around fire hydrants, is a violation of the town's snow clearing regulations and subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00. Pushing or scooping snow across the street or in front of the existing snow bank on the side of the road is in fact on the road and not permitted. It

causes excessive narrowing of the road, poses a safety hazard to both motorists and pedestrians, and results in the plow depositing additional snow in the next driveway along the street.

Why do residents on corner lots get more snow from the plow than others on the street?

Residents on corner lots, or the first driveway to the right of an intersection, usually have more snow deposited on their property and in their driveway. The plow is usually carrying more snow on its blade in these areas than along straight sections where it is periodically deposited into driveways. When a plow reaches the end of a street it often keeps right and deposits the snow on the corner lot. A corner lot will often receive snow from both streets it is adjacent to.

When does the town decide to use the snow blower?

When the widening of the streets by means other than plows becomes necessary and weather conditions permit the town utilizes a snow blower attachment on its loader to widen streets. We focus on the heavier traffic areas first if necessary and school bus routes.

Why does the snow blower blow snow onto my property?

It would be far too time consuming and costly to blow snow into trucks and deposit in other locations. The snow blower blows snow onto lawns and into peoples yards but not in driveways. If snow is inadvertently deposited into someone's driveway by the blower town staff will clean it up.

Will the town remove snow from my driveway if there is too much or the pieces are too heavy to remove?

The town will not remove snow from driveways deposited through the normal course of snow clearing. However, sometimes the plow or snow blower will cause excessively large chunks of hard frozen snow to break away and fall into people's driveways. In cases like this, residents can contact the town manager who will assess the situation and decide whether or not it warrants having town staff remove the snow.