



Snowmass Village's Snow Removal Plan

The Town of Snowmass Village Road Division follows a snow removal plan each winter season. Town crews use a mix of equipment and technology to remove snow from public roadways and areas throughout the season. This creates a safe environment for motorists and pedestrians who utilize public transportation corridors. Residents and guests frequently inquire with staff about how the Town manages snow removal.

The Road Division's goal is to provide snow and ice control and to keep the roadways clean of dust and gravel in a professional and proactive manner. Staff accomplishes this by prioritizing roadways according to traffic volumes, public safety requirements, bus routes, and access for emergency equipment.

The Town's fleet of snow removal equipment is prepared and ready as soon as snow is forecasted. The Road Division crew consists of six operators scheduled from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. seven days a week during the winter season. Staff use three plow-and-sand trucks, two front-end loaders, and a motor grader to plow the Town's 39 miles of roadway.

The snow removal plan sets the following priorities:

First Priority

Plow & Spot Sand Arterial Streets:

- Brush Creek Road
- Carriage Way
- Highline Road
- Owl Creek Road

Second Priority

Plow & Spot Sand Collector Streets:

- Daly Lane
- Divide Road
- Elbert Lane
- Faraway Road
- Horse Ranch Drive
- Meadow Road
- Pine Crest Drive
- Ridge Road
- Snowmass Club Cr
- Sinclair Road
- Two Creeks Drive
- Woodbridge Road
- Wood Road



Third Priority

Plow residential streets and parking lots:

- Antler Ridge Lane
- Baby Doe Lane
- Beaver Court
- Blue Spruce Lane
- Branding Lane
- Bridle Path Lane
- Bridge Lane
- Bronco Court
- Buck Lane
- Burlingame Lane
- Campground Lane
- Creek Lane
- Deer Ridge Lane
- East Fork Lane
- East Ridge Lane
- Edgewood Lane
- Elk Ridge Lane
- Ermine Lane
- Fairway Drive
- Fall Lane
- Forest Lane
- Gallum Lane
- Harleston Green
- Hidden Lane
- Janss Lane
- Lemond Place
- Maple Ridge Lane
- Martingale Place
- Maverick Circle
- Meadow Lane
- North Ridge Lane
- Oak Ridge Lane
- Oak Ridge Road
- Pinto Circle
- Rodeo Road
- Saddleback Lane
- St. Andrew's Court
- Sinclair Lane
- Spruce Ridge Lane
- Spur Ridge Lane
- Stallion Circle
- Stanton Lane
- Stellar Lane
- Summit Lane
- Terrace Drive
- Timber Ridge Lane
- Trail Rider Lane
- View Ridge Lane
- Village Run Circle
- Wildridge Lane
- Lots 1-13

Fourth Priority

Plow all other public pavement. This network of pavement will be kept open and maintained as best as possible.

Calculating Snowfall Accumulations

Plowable snow in inches is measured at the Town's offices located at 130 Kearns Road. Figures measured at the Town office are lower than reported snow accumulation higher on the mountain. So, don't fret if the Town's number is inconsistent with SkiCo's on-mountain report! If we've got only a few inches down here, the skiing is probably still great.



Defining Winter Plow Conditions

CONDITION A: 0"-1" snowfall or black ice

The Road Division spot sands trouble areas on first and second priority roads.

CONDITION B: 1"-3" snowfall

The Road Division plows and spot sands first and second priority roads up to 7:00 p.m. After that time, with one snowplow scheduled, we plow and spot sand first priority roads. Weather permitting, we plow and spot sand second priority roads after 7:00 p.m.

CONDITION C: 3+" snowfall

If three inches of snowfall has accumulated by 5:00 a.m., the Road Division plows and spot sands first and second priority streets by 8:00 a.m., and plows all third priority streets by 11:00 a.m. If three inches of snow have accumulated after 5:00 a.m., we plow and spot sand first and second priority streets. Weather permitting, we attempt to plow third priority streets by the end of the day. Otherwise, third priority streets are plowed by early morning following the storm. Fourth priority public pavements will be plowed within several days of a new storm.

Safety Around Plows

Please slow down and use caution when snow removal equipment is on the roads. Follow well behind the plow with your headlights on, staying clear of flying snow and sanding materials. Remember to avoid the snowplow's blind spots. Snowplowing is for everyone's safety.



FAQs on Snow Control

Q: Can I park my car on the shoulder of the road?

A: At least 10 unobstructed feet on either side of the pavement are necessary for snow storage. Any vehicle parked on the shoulder is an impediment to snow removal and a traffic hazard; they will be towed. If your vehicle should become disabled or you are unable to continue driving due to adverse conditions, park as far off the road as possible, activate your emergency flashers, and contact the Snowmass Village Police Department immediately.

Q: Why is our street always plowed last? Why can't we ever be first?

A: After plowing the first and second priority streets, the residential streets are next. Snow accumulation is greater on the north-facing slopes, therefore requiring Wood Run and Ridge Run subdivisions to be plowed before Melton Ranch, the Snowmass Club area, and Horse Ranch.

Q: Can the Town remove the snow that plows leave in my driveway?

A: In most cases, the windrow of snow plowed in front of a driveway is in the Town's right-of-way and it is too costly and time consuming for the Town to remove it. We ask that homeowners not to plow the windrow back on the roadway because this creates a traffic hazard.

Q: Why do the plows damage my yard and landscaping?

A: The snowplows need to extend their blades up to ten feet from the pavement edge. This may cause snow to be pushed up as far as thirty feet from the pavement edge. If your landscaping is in the Town's right-of-way, it should be removed [Municipal Code Article II Sec.11 61-64.].

Q: Why are all the main roads not cleared of snow by 8 a.m.?

A: Many snowstorms start after 5 a.m. or later, causing plow schedule delays. Late morning snowstorms cause a daylong gridlock on the roads and plows can't keep up. Cleanup of the snow is scheduled for 3 a.m. on the next morning. We encourage everyone to use the Snowmass Village Shuttle for transportation.

Q: Can I plow the snow from my private driveway or road onto a public road?

A: It is unlawful for any person to deposit snow—stored or plowed—from a private driveway, road, or any other source onto any public roadway per Colo. Revised Statute 42-4-1406 (1)