

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING SNOW CONTROL**

1. *Can I park my car on the shoulder of the road?*

This is neither possible nor practical. At least 10 unobstructed feet on either side of the pavement is 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 unable to continue due to adverse conditions, park as far off the road as possible, activate your emergency flashers, and contact the Snowmass Village Police Department immediately.

2. *Why do you plow to the downhill side of the road?*

The downhill side provides more snow storage than the uphill side. Usually there is a bank on the uphill side of the road, which prevents storing snow, and therefore reduces the driving area when the snow begins to encroach on the pavement.

3. *Why are we always plowed last? Why can't we ever be first?*

After plowing the First and Second Priority streets, the residential streets are next. Snow accumulation is greater on the north facing slopes, thereby requiring Wood Run and Ridge Run subdivisions plowed before Melton Ranch, the Snowmass Club area and Horse Ranch.

4. *Can the Town remove the snow that they put in my driveway?*

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

5. *Why do the plows damage my yard and landscaping?*

The snowplows need to extend their blades up to ten feet from the pavement edge. This may cause the snow to be pushed up as far as thirty feet from the pavement edge. If your landscaping is located within the Town's right-of-way it should be removed. Please try to keep your landscaping at least ten feet from the edge of the road.

6. *Why have all the main roads not been cleared of snow by 8 a.m.?*

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 cannot keep up. Cleanup of the snow is scheduled for 3:00 a.m. on the next morning. We encourage everyone to use The Town of Snowmass Village Shuttle transportation.

7. *Can I plow or store the snow from my private driveway or road onto a public road?*

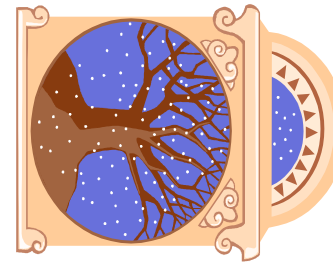
It is unlawful for any person to deposit snow, stored or plowed, from a private driveway, road or any other source, onto any public roadway per Colorado Revised Statute 42-4-1406 (1).



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*SNOW  
REMOVAL  
and other  
winter tips*

# WINTER



## SNOWFALL ACCUMULATIONS 2008-2009

**Plowable snow in inches measured at the Town's offices located at 130 Kearns Rd.**

Since the 1984-85 season, the worst snow fall recorded is during the 1985-87 season with a YTD figure of 85.50 inches. The next worst season recorded in the last 16 years is the 1987-1988 season with 129.50 inches of snow accumulations. Our sixteen-year average is 156.27 inches. Not to fret, these figures were measured at the Town's office at 130 Kearns Rd (the Snowmass Center), which means the mountain snow accumulations are much higher. On a bad day, the skiing is great!

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr/May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>1995-96</b>	7.00	11.50	17.50	33.50	51.75	21.00	8.50	150.75
<b>1996-97</b>	14.50	31.50	36.75	34.75	17.75	16.00	15.00	166.25
<b>1997-98</b>	19.00	20.00	10.75	24.00	27.50	25.00	24.50	150.75
<b>1998-99</b>	3.00	24.25	15.00	30.25	29.00	11.75	34.50	147.75
<b>1999-00</b>	3.00	5.00	20.25	41.00	36.25	21.75	3.00	130.25
<b>2000-01</b>	0	32.00	21.25	14.00	24.25	16.50	40.00	148.00
<b>2001-02</b>	1.00	23.00	20.50	25.00	26.75	30.75	4.00	131.00
<b>2002-03</b>	9.50	25.25	13.50	6.50	29.75	31.00	18.00	133.50
<b>2003-04</b>	0	21.00	34.75	32.25	24.50	3.50	4.00	128.00
<b>2004-05</b>	4.00	32.00	9.75	55.00	32.00	14.75	1.25	148.75
<b>2005-06</b>	6.00	22.50	44.50	40.75	28.00	5.50	3.00	169.50
<b>2006-07</b>	10.50	45.50	21.00	5.00	27.25	7.25	4.00	149.00
<b>2007-08</b>	7.50	7.50	51.25	58.25	47.75	26.75	2.00	201.00
<b>2008-09</b>	1.00	13.00	67.00	36.75	10.25	30.50	19.50	178.00
<b>2009-10</b>	3.25	14.50	22.50	17.25	39.00	17.00	33.00	146.50

For exact monthly figures, or YTD, for the seasons from 1984-85 to the present, contact John Baker, Road Division Supervisor at (970) 923-5110, extension 301.

## WINTER DRIVING BASICS

To ensure your vehicle is in good working condition follow a checklist.

### Automotive Checklist

- ◆ Ignition
- ◆ Battery
- ◆ Lights
- ◆ Brakes
- ◆ Wiper Blades
- ◆ Antifreeze Level
- ◆ Fuel System
- ◆ Heater/Defroster
- ◆ Tire Tread

### Safety Checklist



- ◆ Flares/Reflectors
- ◆ Blanket
- ◆ Shovel
- ◆ Scraper
- ◆ Tire Chains
- ◆ Spare Batteries
- ◆ First Aid Kit
- ◆ Sleeping Bag
- ◆ Booster Cables
- ◆ Snow Brush
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ Chain/Tow Strap
- ◆ Nonperishable food
- ◆ Coat/Parka/Gloves/Hat
- ◆ Sand/Gravel/Traction Mats
- ◆ Matches/Light/Candle

## WINTER DRIVING TIPS

For your winter driving pleasure consider the following techniques:

**Maintain Traction** - Start and stop gradually; drive at steady speeds, avoiding sudden starts or stops; Accelerate slightly when approaching a hill, then maintain a steady speed going up; gear down (down shift) to avert wear on brakes and sus-

tain control.

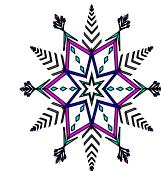
**Skids** - To avoid skids, drive sensibly and steadily; anticipate turns and lane changes. If the vehicle begins to skid, remove your foot from the accelerator or brake and steer in the direction of the skid. After the vehicle regains control, straighten and proceed.

**Braking** - Use gentle braking pressure on slippery road conditions; To avoid locking wheels, use a gentle pumping action on disc brakes; anti-lock brake systems work in this manner. Drive through curves at a safe, steady speed and gear down (down shift) for both uphill and downhill.

## 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; please drive cautiously around our snowplowing equipment.

(WINTER TIPS courtesy of Colorado Department of Transportation's "SLICK TIPS: Colorado Winter Driving Handbook")



**SECOND PRIORITY**

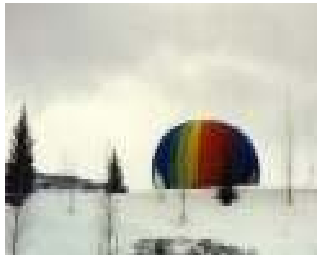
Plow and sand collector streets

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

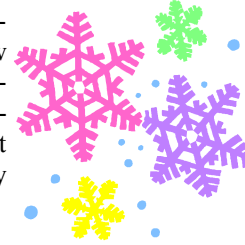
This network of pavement will be kept open and maintained as best as possible. As winter storm conditions worsen, it may become necessary to temporarily drop the Third and Fourth Priority streets, or even the Second Priority streets, to concentrate our efforts on Brush Creek, Owl Creek, Highline Roads and Carriageway. The First Priority streets are considered the minimum network that must be kept open for emergency services such as police, fire and emergency medical assistance. Since every snowstorm is different, listed below are typical responses to varying snow and ice conditions.

**Condition A: 0" - 1" snowfall or black ice**

Spot sand trouble areas on First and Second Priority Roads.

**Condition B: 1" - 3" snowfall**

Plow and spot sand First and Second Priority roads up to 7 p.m. After that time, with one snow-plow scheduled, plow and spot sand First Priority roads. Weather permitting, plow and spot sand Second Priority roads after 7 p.m.



**Condition C: - 3+ " snowfall**

If three inches of snowfall has accumulated by 5:00am, plow and spot sand First and Second Priority streets by 8:00am; plow all Third Priority streets by 11:00am. If three inches of snowfall has accumulated after 5:00 am plow and spot sand First and Second Priority streets. Weather permitting, attempt to plow Third Priority streets by end of the day; otherwise Third Priority streets plowed by early morning following the storm. Fourth Priority public pavements within several days of a snow storm.



**Winter Season Reminders**

- ◆ Avoid the stress of driving year-round!! and use our Free Shuttle transportation system and Dial-A-Ride Program: 935-3500.
- ◆ Law prohibits parking along any road or on the shoulder in the Town. This is to ensure proper access for emergency vehicles and effective snow removal.
- ◆ Trash receptacles should only be placed curbside on Wednesdays for pickup. For the purpose of ensuring the safety of our wildlife

and to effectively remove the snow from residential streets, please make sure that your receptacle is removed from the street by 6 p.m. on pick-up days.

- ◆ During heavy snowfall or on slippery snow days, please obey the chain law sign so not to cause gridlock on the roadways.



PERSONAL NOTES ~



## WINTER TIPS

### WINTER DEFINITIONS

**Road Closure** - It is unsafe and unlawful to proceed past a road closure for any reason in any season.

**Heavy Snow Warning** - Snow accumulations of 6" or more within 12 hours or 8" or more within 24 hours are expected at lower elevations, with 8" or more in 12 hours or 12" or more in 24 hours in mountain areas.

**Winter Storm Warning** - Heavy snow warning aggravated by blowing and drifting.



**Blizzard Warning** - Sustained or frequent wind gusts of 35 mph or more for at least three hours, reducing visibility to less than 1/4 mile.

### STUCK OR STRANDED

Tips if you get stuck or stranded on a snowy road:

- ◆ If possible, use your shovel and traction mat or sand to dig out your car. Excavate the wheels and underneath the vehicle, then ease it out gently and steadily. Check your owner's manual - some vehicles can be rocked to get moving.
- ◆ If the vehicle slipped off the road, and there is no shelter in sight, you are stranded. Do not leave your vehicle. Ensure the exhaust is clear of snow and keep a window slightly open for ventilation. The vehicle should run only a few minutes at a time for warmth. Use your emergency supplies. Dress in layers, cover your entire body with blankets or a sleeping bag, and for more two or more persons, huddle together for warmth.



- ◆ DO NOT PANIC. Road maintenance crews will be on the roads looking for stranded motorists. If you are on a secondary or back-country road, stay in your vehicle for shelter until weather conditions lessen enough for you to be spotted or you can proceed safely on foot.

### EXPERIENCE SPEAKS

Colorado's Department of Transportation maintenance workers, the state's experienced winter driving experts, advise the following:

- ◆ Slow down in winter conditions.
- ◆ Use headlights in bad weather.
- ◆ Disengage cruise control in slippery conditions.
- ◆ Remove ice and snow from windows, mirrors and vehicle lights.
- ◆ Always wear your seat belt.
- ◆ Leave extra space between your vehicle and the one ahead of you.
- ◆ When possible, avoid driving in bad weather conditions.



### Sanding Program

The Road Division of the Public Works Department uses an average of 3,000 tons of 3/8" washed chip rock per winter season to improve traction on all the Village first and second priority roadways. This material helps reduce Dust/PM-10 count so as to have better air quality along the roadways.

### Helpful Phone Numbers

Town Offices	923-3777
Town Public Works	923-5110
Transportation Office	923-2543
Shuttle Bus	923-3500
Police Department	923-5330
Fire and Ambulance	911
Road Conditions	920-5454
CDOT road & weather	1-303-639-1111
Water & Sanitation	923-2056

### Snow Removal Plan

In 1967, Snowmass Village opened as a resort incorporating into a town 11 years later in 1978. Over the past 30 plus years the Town of Snowmass Village Road Division has developed a snow removal plan using up-to-date equipment and technology to care for the approximately 150 inches of snow that falls on the Town's roadways in an average winter season. During that time residents and guests have asked many questions about how the winter snow removal plan works throughout the town. This brochure has been created to help you understand our snow removal operation.

The Public Works Road Division's goal is to provide snow and ice control, along with keeping the roadways clean of dust and gravel in a professional and proactive manner. We do this by prioritizing our roadways according to traffic volumes, public safety requirements, bus routes and access for emergency equipment.

To accomplish this goal our fleet of snow fighting equipment is readied as soon as snow is forecasted. The Road Division crew consists of six operators scheduled from 5:30am to 10:30pm seven days a week during the ski season using three plow-and-sand trucks, two front-end loaders and a motor grader to plow the towns 39 miles of roadway.

The snow removal plan sets the following priorities:

#### FIRST PRIORITY

Plow and spot sand arterial streets

Brush Creek Road  
Owl Creek Road  
Highline Road  
Carriageway



**SNOW WALL; 25' SNOW MOUND**

10'

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