

Town of Seymour DPW PLOWING POLICY

There are 95 miles of road in town. Snow removal is very costly and therefore it is important for DPW to use its resources wisely with the cooperation from the residents to help minimize costs.

PLOW ROUTES: The streets are plowed and salted in order of priority. Main roads are addressed first, paying special attention to steep hills, and problem intersections. Side streets will remain unplowed if the main roads require repeat plowing. This may not seem fair to people who live on dead ends or side streets, but we must keep the main streets clear.

BLOCKED DRIVEWAYS: All snow plows are angled the same way, to the driver's right, and when going by they WILL push snow in front of a driveway. The homeowner is RESPONSIBLE for access to their driveway. The only way to avoid extra shoveling is to wait until DPW crews are finished with their final clean up on the street.

SIDEWALKS: Per Town ordinance, Seymour property owners are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of their line within 24 hours after a storm and keep it clear from ice and snow. Heavily used sidewalks near schools are particularly important.

MAILBOX DAMAGE: The town repairs or replaces mailboxes and or posts that are actually struck by a plow blade. Usually a paint mark or truck tire tracks supply evidence of a mailbox strike. The town does NOT repair or replace mailboxes that fall from the force of plowed snow. Mailboxes and supporting posts MUST be installed to withstand the rigors of snow removal, including the force of snow pushed from the street onto the roadside.

PRIVATE PLOWING: The Town of Seymour prohibits plow contractors from pushing snow from driveways or parking lots into the streets. This is dangerous and hinders the Town's snow removal efforts. If there is NO alternative to pushing snow into the street, the plow driver MUST plow off the windrow that was left across the street by re-plowing the road until it is CLEAN.