

## **RESIDENTS CAN MAKE SNOW REMOVAL MORE EFFECTIVE**

Please help us help you. The objective of the Town of North Branford's Public Works Department winter maintenance program is to provide winter roadway safety to the traveling public with the most reasonable, efficient and effective manner. We are requesting your help during snow and ice removal operations and ask that you follow these simple suggestions:

1. Please limit travel during storms to trips that are absolutely necessary. Once roads have been sanded and salted, the potential for accidents is greatly reduced.
2. Please park your vehicles in your driveways and off the road. If you must park on the street, try to park on one side of the street only. Cul-de-sac residents are specifically encouraged to follow this recommendation due to the limited turn around space. Parked cars hinder the speed and efficiency of our snow removal operation. Parking bans may be in effect. Vehicles may only be parked in authorized areas. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas may be towed.
3. Snow plows are designed to remove snow from the roadway to the edge of the road. It is likely that the plow will leave behind a windrow of snow in front of your driveway. Residents are responsible for removing this snow.
4. It is against the law to plow snow from your driveways and walk ways into the road. Please pile the snow in your yard. Remember, you are also responsible for your snow removal contractor's actions.
5. When snow plows are used during snow falls, the initial pass of the snow plow is made to open up the road for traffic flow. The following passes will push the snow to the curb line or road edge. This is necessary in order to allow for the drainage of melting snow into catch basins and to allow more space to plow future snow accumulations.
6. To avoid sand and salt hitting your vehicle while driving, move away from the center of the road when you see a salt truck approaching from the opposite direction. Salt/sand trucks are designed to deposit more salt and sand near the center of the road as the salt works its way to the road edge as traffic runs over it. Please try to stay back approximately 200 feet from the rear of a salt/sand truck.
7. To insure that your mail box is not damaged during snow plowing operations, your mailbox must be 42" above the ground and the front face of your mailbox door must be not less than 10" from the front face of the curb or road edge.
8. Remove your portable basketball hoop from the street and place it on your property. The Town is not responsible for damages to the equipment.
9. When calling the Public Works Department, please keep messages simple and direct. Be certain to state your name, phone number and the problem you're calling about and its location. We can be reached at 484-6060. Please contact us if you have any questions.
10. Please adopt a fire hydrant if it is located near your house. The hydrant is there for your protection and it may be several days after a storm before they can be cleared.

By following the recommendations listed, you will be assisting us in providing you with safe and efficient snow removal operations.