

Town of Genesee

Snow Removal Policy

The Town of Genesee has approximately 80 centerline miles under our jurisdiction. The snow and ice removal program is a vital public service.

Providing snow and ice removal is a large task. Variations in weather conditions, time, temperature, precipitation amounts and rates, and traffic make the problem complex.

Some hazards and obstacles faced by our snowplow contractors are parked cars, garbage cans, vehicles traveling too fast and too close to the plow trucks, and children playing and building forts too close to the streets.

Snow Plowing Procedures

Type of Precipitation	Actual Amount	Procedure
Snow Flurries	Trace to 1"	Will not plow. May salt/sand intersections, hills and curves.
Snow	1" to 2"	Will begin plowing. Continue to salt/sand intersections, hills and curves.
Snow	2" to 5"	Will continue to plow to maintain 1 passable lane. Continue to salt/sand intersections, hills and curves.
Snow	6" Plus	Will continue to plow to maintain a passable lane in the event of emergency vehicle traffic. (The contractor can be directed to clear a path for emergency vehicles.)
Ice	¼" or less	Will salt/sand intersections, hills and curves
Ice	¼" or more	Will salt/sand all streets. Snow Emergency may be declared if travel is impeded.

Note: No salt may not be applied to roads when temperatures are less than 15° Fahrenheit or during high winds.

The snow plow contractor may also be dispatched by the Town Chairman or the Public Works Supervisor. The contractor may also be dispatched by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department in an emergency situation.

Initial plowing procedure is to open the streets to allow traffic. Final plowing to push to full width of the street is to be done within 72 hours of storm's end.

Cul-de-sacs present a special problem for the snow removal crews. Plowing in cul-de-sacs will be done to create a passable lane so that residents and emergency equipment will have access during the storm. Snow left in the center will be removed periodically after an accumulation of snow, as long as there is a passable lane

Helpful Hints and Reminders

- **It is unlawful to deposit snow or ice onto any Town Road/Street, whether or not it has been plowed.**
- **Town ordinances prohibit snow from private properties being plowed across Town right-of-way and on to other private or public property.**
- **The Town of Genesee is not responsible for any damage caused to mailboxes by the process of clearing snow.**
- **The process of plowing the streets will mean additional snow will be deposited at the end of everyone's driveways.**
- **It is the responsibility of the landowner to clear the end of their driveway. The Town plowing contractor can not be hired or requested by residents to clear driveways while on Town business.**
- **It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure access to the mailboxes for the mail carrier.**
- **It is the responsibility of the landowner not to place any obstacles in the streets to prevent the plows from plowing to street's edge (keep garbage cans in your driveway right-of-way).**
- **For safety's sake, do not allow children to build and/or play in the banks at road's edge, in the roads or in the center of cul-de-sacs.**