



# Village of North Prairie Snow Removal Policy

The Village of North Prairie has 16 centerline miles under our jurisdiction. In addition the Village is responsible for Village hall, fire department, water tower, pump houses, and the parks, including the sidewalks. 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 drivers are parked cars, garbage cans, vehicles traveling too fast and too close to the plow trucks, and children sliding and building forts too close to the streets.

Timing is critical. Weather forecasting is an important element in this program. The readiness of the equipment, materials, and personnel is most important to provide a quick response to the storm.

## Snow Plowing Procedure

Type of Precip.	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	Snow Emergency to be declared. Will continue to plow to maintain a passable lane, in the event of emergency vehicle traffic. (The DPW can be directed to clear a path for emergency vehicles)
Ice	1/4" or less	Will salt/sand intersections, hills, and curves.
Ice	1/4" or more	Will salt/sand all streets. Snow Emergency may be declared if travel is impeded.

**The DPW may also be dispatched by the Village President, Head of Streets & Roads, or in their absences any Village Board Trustee.**

Initial plowing procedure is to open the streets to allow traffic. Final plowing to push to full width of street is to be done within 24 hours of storms end.

Cul-de sacs present a special problem for the snow removal crews. Plowing in cul-de-sacs will consist of making one or two passes to clear snow to allow residents street access during the storm. Snow left in the center will not be immediately removed, but will be left, and cleared within 24 hours of storms end.

## Helpful Hints and Reminders for Winter Survival

- ✧ It is unlawful to deposit snow or ice onto any Village street, whether or not it has been plowed yet.  
**Ordinance # 1-09**
- ✧ It is the responsibility of the landowner to clear sidewalks within 24 hours of storms end. If not done the Village may provide such service, and bill the landowner for service. (or place on tax bill)  
**Ordinance #46-31**
- ✧ The Village of North Prairie is not responsible for any damage caused to mailboxes by the process of clearing snow.  
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- ✧ 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 plow can not be hired or requested by residents to clear driveways
- ✧ It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure access to the mailboxes for the mail carrier.
- ✧ It is the responsibility of the landowner to shovel out the hydrants located on your property so in time of need the Volunteer Fire Department personnel don't waste valuable time in locating and shoveling out the hydrant in an emergency- (it may be your house).
- ✧ It is the responsibility of the landowner not to place any obstacles in the streets to prevent the plows from plowing to streets edge. (keep garbage cans in your driveway right- of- way).
- ✧ Do not allow children to build and/or play in the banks at roads edge. The plow driver will not always have a clear view of the backside of the banks to look for obstacles, i.e., (children).