

Village of North Prairie Snow Removal Policy

The Village of North Prairie has 13 centerline miles under our jurisdiction. In addition the Village is responsible for Village hall, fire department, water tower, pump houses, and the parks. 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, raised manhole covers, 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
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, for in the event of emergency vehicle traffic. (Snowplow can be directed to clear a path for emergency vehicles)

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 storm's 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 the 24 hours of storm's end.

Snow Emergency to be declared when actual snow total hits 6 inches of accumulation. At that point the Village President or in absence any member of the

Village Board may notify the media outlets, and fellow Board members. (to be posted on Village website as soon as possible when declared)

An Emergency may also be declared when emergency vehicles or snow removal equipment is impeded by a storm.

Ordinance #250 section 2

Helpful Hints and Reminders

It is unlawful to deposit snow onto any Village street, whether or not it has been plowed yet.

Ordinance #

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)

Resolution #200

It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure access to the mailboxes for the mail courier.

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 doesn'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 to clear the end their drive. The plow can not be hired or requested by residents to clear driveways.

The process of plowing the streets will mean addition snow will be deposited at the end of everyone's driveways. (even the plow driver goes home to a plowed in drive)

It is the responsibility of the landowner not to place in any obstacles in the streets, to prevent the plows from plowing to streets edge. (keep garbage cans in your driveway)

The Village of North Prairie is not responsible for damage caused to mailboxes by the process of clearing snow.

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