

TOWN OF WESTBROOK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SNOW STORM POLICY

The Town of Westbrook Department of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of 50 miles of roadway, and many town buildings and parking lots which require snow removal and clean up during and after snow storm events. In addition, sidewalks in the center of Town and beyond are cleared as much as possible. The Department assesses and addresses each storm individually, since each storm is unique.

All roads in the Town of Westbrook are the responsibility of the Public Works Department, with the exception of Rt. 1 (Boston Post Road), Rt. 153 (Essex Road), Rt. 145 (Horse Hill Road and a portion of Old Clinton Road) Rt. 166 (Spencer Plains Road) and Grove Beach Road N, which are State of CT roads, handled by the CT DOT crew.

Each plow route takes approximately 3 hours to complete. Depending on the rate of snow fall, this could mean that roads may not be clear at all times, and may also be only one lane. Once the snow stops, the crew will begin final clean-up. Snow plow blades are angled to move snow to the edge of the road. If your driveway has been cleared before the final pass of the snow plow, you may expect snow to accumulate at the bottom of your driveway from this process.

Residents are requested to assist the Department with its tasks by complying with the following:

- *Stay off the roads to the maximum extent practicable to allow the Department to clear the road before the snow can be packed down
- *Do not leave cars parked in the road, pursuant to Town of Westbrook Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11, Article III, Sec. 11-42 and 11-47
- *Be sure all basketball hoops have been moved back from road edge – low hanging nets will prohibit vehicle access
- *The Town is not responsible for damage to items in the Town right-of-way. It is the homeowners responsibility to locate their property line and keep shrubs, irrigation, fencing, etc., out of the right-of-way.
- *Check with trash hauler to be sure of pick-up before placing receptacles in road – remove receptacles promptly
- *Do not allow private snow contractors to push and leave driveway snow in street
- *Mailbox/pole damage must be reported with 48 hours. Units struck by plow or truck will be repaired/replaced with standard equipment. The Town is not responsible for failed mailboxes and/or poles struck by snow thrust – see full mailbox policy on Department of Public Works webpage. When practicable, the Department will clear the road to allow mail carrier access. In the event of excess snow, it is the homeowner's responsibility to clear their mailbox for delivery.

A mix of sand and salt is applied to the road to aid in snow removal. Any applications are at the discretion of the Director of Public Works. This mix is also available to Westbrook residents at the Town Garage for use on driveways and walkways. Container is located just outside the property gate; homeowner must supply bucket and shovel.