

TOWN OF ST. JOHN

News from City Hall

The Town of St. John has decided to review policies regarding snow removal. We strive to do the best we can and hope that all residents appreciate the time and effort the City Crew spends in keeping our Town as safe as possible.

Plowing will start when 2 inches of snowfall accumulates. This will also depend on upcoming forecasts.

- Safety is always the first concern of the street maintenance crew. The snow plow operator's main objective is to keep our roadways open for the safe passage of traffic. Whenever possible, operators try to minimize the size of berms across driveways. However, we do not have the resources to remove snow berms. Removal of driveway berms is the responsibility of the property owner. Your road maintenance is expensive, dangerous and time-consuming. Please help us by paying attention to the following:
 - When it starts to snow, park your vehicle off the street if possible. Vehicles left parked in areas of snow removal operations can be a big problem.
 - It is the homeowners' responsibility to remove snow on their sidewalks. Please remember to shovel into your yard and NOT into the street; otherwise the snow plow ends up putting your snow back onto your sidewalk from the street.
 - The City prohibits placing snow or ice on any public street, sidewalk or parking space in a manner that impedes vehicle or pedestrian traffic or makes it unsafe.
 - For the winter, please remove obstructions such as rocks, fences, or planters from the city right-of-way.
 - Please keep your garbage cans at least five (5) feet inside driveways and the edge of the roadway.
 - Please don't stack or plow snow over ends of culverts, in ditches, on top of drainage structures, or close to fire hydrants.
 - After all the snow is gone it is the homeowners' responsibility to sweep their sidewalks free of gravel.

Snow removal operations require the use of large, heavy, noisy equipment, sometimes during periods of darkness and limited visibility. Operators, at times, have difficulty seeing behind the equipment when backing up so the City asks that everyone use extreme caution and stay back at least 50 feet.

THANK YOU