



City of Milford, Connecticut

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SNOW PLOWING POLICY

There are over 230 miles of center-line streets in the City of Milford. Snow removal can cost up to \$45,000.00 per storm. Therefore, it is important for the Department of Public Works to use its resources wisely with cooperation from the residents to minimize the cost.

Plow Routes: The streets are plowed and sanded in order of priority. Main (collector) roads are addressed first with special attention to steep hills and difficult intersections. Side streets are done next, then dead-end streets. Side streets will remain unplowed if the main roads require repeat plowing due to heavy volume of snowfall. This may seem unfair to the residents of side streets or dead-ends, but the main roads must remain open.

Blocked Driveways: All snow plows angle the same way - to the driver's right. While plowing, the plow will push the snow in front of a residential driveway. The homeowner is responsible for access to his/her driveway. The only way to avoid additional snow removal is to wait until DPW work crews have completed their final clean up of your road.

Mailbox Damage: The town repairs or replaces only those mailboxes and/or posts that are actually struck by the plow blade. Usually, a paint mark or tire tracks provide evidence of a mailbox strike. ***The Town does not repair or replace mailboxes and/or posts that fall from the force of plowed snow.*** Mailboxes and supporting posts must be installed to withstand the rigors of snow removal; including the force of snow pushed from the street onto the roadside. It is recommended that homeowners do not purchase and utilize plastic mailboxes and/or posts as they are subject to damage. DPW recommends the use of a 4" x 4" wooden post or 2" metal pipe with a metal mailbox.

Private Plowing: The City of Milford prohibits private plow contractors from pushing snow from private driveways or parking lots onto City streets. This practice is dangerous and impedes the City's snow removal efforts. If there is no other alternative to pushing the snow into the street, the plow driver must re-plow until the road is safe. This may not necessarily mean bare pavement, but certainly it should be no worse than when the driver began work.

Parking: Pursuant Section 14-14 of the City of Milford Code of Ordinances, alternate-side-of-the-street parking shall automatically take effect where parking is permitted on both sides of

the street during any period of snow and/or ice where conditions require that streets be plowed. Parking will be allowed on the odd numbered side of the street on odd numbered days and on the even numbered side of the street on even numbered days. Should your vehicle be parked on the street causing an obstruction to snow removal vehicles, your vehicle may be ticketed or removed by the City of Milford Police Department. Additionally, no person having access to a driveway shall permit a motor vehicle owned by him/her or any member of his/her household to remain parked on an adjoining public street during any period of snow and/or ice where conditions require that the street be plowed. Any vehicle found to be parked on a street in violation of Section 14-14 may be ticketed and/or removed by towing at the direction of the Milford Police Department.

Snow Stakes: The City of Milford Highway Department reminds residents to install "snow stakes" now before the ground freezes. It is difficult to distinguish between the pavement edge and the edge of a lawn in heavy snowfall. Installing stakes along property edges as close to pavement as possible without interfering with traffic will help homeowners avoid unsightly lawn damage this winter, especially for properties with underground sprinklers or invisible fencing. Snow stakes should be 30-36" high and can be purchased at a local hardware store. If using wooden stakes, paint the top 3" of the stakes red to increase visibility against snow.

***Residents who feel they have a legitimate complaint should call the
City of Milford, Department of Public Works at (203) 783-3265***



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SNOWPLOWS VS. MAILBOX

The City of Milford Highway Department would like to remind homeowners of the City's mailbox policy.

The Highway Department does not replace mailboxes or posts. If the slush from the snowplows knocks off a mailbox or breaks a post, the homeowner is responsible. Only if the Highway Department initiates contact with the homeowner will the post be repaired or the box replaced. Slush and snow thrown from the plows is unavoidable. It is up to homeowners to take preventative steps to secure and protect their mailbox.

The Highway Department suggests you do not use plastic mailboxes or posts. The plastic cannot withstand frigid cold temperatures. When slush or snow impacts cold plastic, the plastic will shatter. We suggest using a solid 4 x 4 wooden post or 2" pipe with a metal mail box. This combination seems to be most durable.

City of Milford Highway Department

Phone: (203) 783-3265

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.