



## CITY OF AVON SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

- During a snow event, the main streets are plowed and salted first. Once the main streets are completed, plow operators will move onto secondary streets and finish up on residential streets and developments. Under normal conditions, residential streets and developments will only be salted at stop signs, hills, curves and intersections. If road surfaces become icy due to conditions such as freezing rain, salt will be applied as needed to provide safe driving conditions.
- City street plowing will result in some snow being pushed onto driveway aprons and up against mailboxes. This is not preventable. It is the homeowners' responsibility to clear snow on driveway aprons and in front of their mailboxes. Residents should pile snow to the left side (when looking from the street) of their drive. This will minimize the amount of snow deposited in your driveway when the City trucks clear the roadway.
- Pushing or depositing snow from any private drive or parking lot into the street, across the street onto other tree lawns or any City right-of-way is not permitted. You can create a hazard for neighbors and travelers by doing so. In addition, these areas are needed to deposit snow from our roadways. If you have a contractor clearing your drive, please make them aware of this law.
- Keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow. Please keep in mind that school children depend on clear sidewalks when walking to and from school. Section 660.05 requires sidewalks to be cleared within a reasonable time, ordinarily not to exceed 12 hours after a snowstorm.
- Remember that our snowplow operators are out there to keep the streets safe for you. During snowstorms, staff can work up to 12-hour shifts. Please be patient and courteous by giving them the right-of-way so they can complete their tasks as efficiently as possible.
- Snowplows frequently back up when plowing in developments and side streets. Snowplows travel well below the posted speed limit. Stay back at least 50 feet when following any snowplow truck. Drivers cannot see a vehicle that is following too closely. If you cannot see their mirrors, they cannot see you! Try not to pass a plow and watch for sudden stops and turns.
- Clear areas in front of mailboxes to help the Post Office deliver mail.
- Inspect your mailbox prior to snow season. Make sure that it is structurally sound (all screws, nails, bolts are secure; post is in good condition and seated securely, etc.). Generally, our snowplows do not hit mailboxes; however, damage occurs from the weight and force of the snow being plowed off the roadway. Our policy states that we will not replace a mailbox that is not properly installed or if the snowplow did not actually hit the mailbox.
- Section 452.13 Snow Emergencies; Notices and Restrictions describes the conditions a parking ban will be called. Parking vehicles in cul-de-sacs and streets during a snow event prohibits us from plowing those areas. Keeping vehicles off the streets during snow events will help us do a better job.