

## **Snow Removal Mission Statement (Public Works)**

Our Mission is to provide a safe transportation network throughout the Haines Borough that offers sufficient mobility. It is our objective to clear priority streets and to keep local streets passable. Minimizing cost is a primary concern.

**Friendly Reminder Stickers** - There are more than 35 miles of public streets for crews to plow when it snows. We try to move through the streets as quickly as possible, but some of the things that can really slow a plow truck down include parked vehicles, boats and trailers. This year crews will help remind residents by placing removable stickers on items left in the right-of-way and cars parked in the street during a pre-season review of their snow routes.

It is unlawful for any person to place snow from their private property onto any borough townsite right-of-way, including streets, sidewalks, ditches, and parking lots. If you are clearing snow from any area of your property, you must place it elsewhere on your own property or on other private property with the consent of the owner.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why do Borough plows push snow into my driveway and who is responsible for clearing it?**

Because of normal plowing operations, snow may be placed in your driveway unavoidably. Plows are angled to the right for plowing from the centerline of the street to the curb. These are often referred to as windrows. For this reason, a certain amount of snow will be deposited in driveways. Snow placed in driveways or on sidewalks by the Borough while snow plowing is the residents' and owners' responsibility to remove. One way to help reduce the windrows is to shovel or move snow to the left side of your driveway (facing your home), and shovel an inlet on the right side.

### **I just shoveled my sidewalk. Why did the Borough snow plow push snow on it?**

Some areas of the Borough have narrow public right-of-way. When plowing, the snow may end up on the sidewalk you just shoveled. We apologize for the inconvenience this causes you.

## **Tips for helping snow removal operations:**

1. Please do not park vehicles on the streets. Park your vehicles in the driveway and don't allow vehicles to extend into the roadway. When vehicles are parked on narrow streets, on hills or on both sides of the street, the Borough may not be able to clear snow from the street.
2. Please place private property or other structures at least 10 feet back from the street to allow for proper snow removal. The Borough is not responsible for damage which may occur to any items if left in the street or right-of-way.
3. Be alert and drive with caution. Remember that winter storms create slick road conditions. Maintain safe distances between vehicles and decrease your normal driving speeds to allow for additional time to stop.
4. Expect some delays. Allow plenty of extra driving time for planned trips, errands and appointments. On average, it can take 8 hours after the end of a storm to complete a first pass on residential streets. This can be much longer for heavy snowfalls or ice accumulations. Be patient.
5. Stay back at least 50' from the rear of plow trucks so the rock salt they spread will not hit your vehicle.
6. Children are attracted to snowplow trucks. Teach your children to stay away from the street when they see the trucks coming.
7. Some trucks are capable of plowing multiple lanes of snow at one time with wing plows. Avoid passing or driving beside plow trucks - especially to their right (passenger) side.

8. When shoveling your driveway, do not place the snow from your driveway back into the street.
9. If you have tree limbs that hang over the roadway, please help us avoid damage to our trucks and allow for complete snow removal by trimming them back.