



TOWN of EASTHAM

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Snow & Ice Procedures

Objectives

The goal of the Town of Eastham's Department of Public Works is to attempt to remove the impediments created by snow & ice events on town-owned ways, and on private roads that have been accepted for snow removal in accordance with the Private Snow Removal Policy, to an extent that is reasonably safe and convenient for travel, and that provides access to Public Safety vehicles responding to calls for assistance.

The intent is not to achieve and/or maintain completely bare pavement surfaces, or to encourage driving in winter conditions, but to help provide a means of access and egress during cases of emergency.

Current Procedures

Events are classified into three main categories:

- Minor Events:
 - The Department of Public Works (DPW) receives notices, either from the public or forwarded by the Police Department (also from the public or patrolling officers) for specific locations where road conditions are less than ideal for safety
 - Staff is deployed with the required resources (material spreaders or "sanders") in order to address the concern, and continues to monitor areas throughout town in order to proactively address icy roads
- Plowing Events
 - When snowfall is expected to exceed 2 inches, plows are deployed as needed for the duration the storm in order to maintain snow accumulation levels to a minimum
 - Crews may spread de-icing material ("Sanding") before plowing operations begin (sometimes hours before it starts snowing) in order to provide better traction, aid in plowing operations, and avoid having traffic pack falling snow onto the road surface
 - Once precipitation has subsided, crews will continue to plow based on route priority (main routes, secondary roads, private roads, town-owned parking lots, etc.) and may spread a final layer of material to help with deicing and traction
- Major Events
 - Crews will spread de-icing material and plow for long periods of time, as well as remove limbs, fallen trees and other debris. For safety purposes, staff will take breaks between runs
 - Utility companies will also be working on restoring services and DPW crews will assist when needed
 - Focus will be on maintaining access and egress throughout the town for ambulance and Public Safety vehicles, as well as roads leading to designated shelter locations
 - Final cleanup and return to normal road conditions may take multiple days