

RESOLUTION
WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY

The Town of Newton's goal is to maintain the roads in as good a winter driving condition as weather, equipment and budget allows.

Weather reports issued by the National Weather Service shall be taken into account when preparing for each storm. Snow removal will begin when a sufficient amount of snow has accumulated to make the removal operation productive. Each storm, being different, will be treated in a different manner. This policy will be adjusted to meet specific storm circumstances.

Service during off hours will be minimal and only provided when extreme storm conditions arise or in emergency situations when the request(s) are received from the appropriate emergency agency (Fire Dept., Police, etc.). Operation may be suspended or reduced in severe storm conditions when there is danger to operators or it is not practical or cost effective to continue. The responsibility for ordering personnel and equipment into service shall rest primarily with the Road Superintendent or his designee.

Due to cost and storage limitations, the Town does not apply straight salt to the roadways. The Township uses an abrasive sand treated with just enough salt to keep the sand from freezing in the pile, and to keep the sand workable. Sand is applied only at curves, intersections, hills and steep grades. Some melting of snow and ice may occur from the salt in the sand mixture, but bare roads should not be expected.

Private roads and driveways will only be plowed after the first pass has been made on all Town roads, and only when equipment can be spared. In severe storm conditions, driveways and private roads will be plowed at the Town's convenience. The Town does not accept responsibility for any damage done to private property during the snow removal on such property. The Town road crews will not plow or sand on private property that contains hazards for equipment or the operators.

The Town will not be responsible for replacement or repair of any mail box damaged by flying snow or slush during the removal of snow from the Town roads.

The Township will not take any responsibility for removal of snow that is plowed into private driveways from the road clearing operation.