

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Winter Roads Policy

PURPOSE

The Town of Brownfield has established this policy to clearly state priorities for the clearing, maintenance and repair of Town owned roads to ensure the safe and efficient passage of vehicles through the town during the period of November 15 to April 30 of each year.

It is our goal to achieve this at the earliest practical time and in the most cost efficient manner during a storm event.

Each winter storm event is unique. It is impractical to develop specific rules on winter maintenance operations. Therefore, the judgment of the Public Works Director will often govern quantities and type of applications used to control snow and ice. Public safety is always the top priority.

PLOWING

1. The first priority for plowing will be to open major traffic and school bus routes.
2. After major routes are cleared, the second priority for plowing will be the remainder of the Town roads.
3. The Town of Brownfield has 3 employees to do winter road maintenance on approximately 86 miles of roads. Each employee has a specific route that takes approximately 4 hours to complete. These routes may vary for emergency situations.
4. The Town of Brownfield does not plow private roads or private driveways.

USE OF SALT AND SAND

1. The Town of Brownfield does not have a bare road policy. Travelers who use town roads should exercise due care and reasonable caution during changing winter weather conditions.

2. Sand will be applied to paved roads with a minimum of salt added. Salt is not effective when road temperatures are below 20 degrees. Generally, sand/salt will be applied after plowing. Some particles may be large enough to cause windshield damage and motorists should use caution and avoid following other vehicles or town trucks too closely.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. State law (29A MRSA 2396) prohibits plowing, blowing, or shoveling snow across or onto a Town road or State highway. Violators may be subject to a fine or penalty and may also be liable for damage to property, vehicles, and any undue cost to the Town for removal of this snow.

2. The Town cannot take responsibility for damage to mailboxes due to the weight of snow coming off the plow or wing blade.

3. State Route 113 is maintained by the state not the Town of Brownfield. The Town of Brownfield maintains all other state roads within the Town.

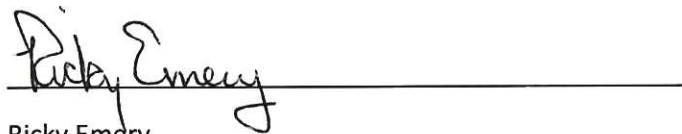
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