



## TOWN OF BARRINGTON NEW HAMPSHIRE



To Barrington Residents,

November 5, 2019

Winter is fast approaching, and the Highway Department wishes to announce some adjustments to winter maintenance which are more effective, less expensive and more environmentally friendly. Specifically, we will be transitioning from a deicing procedure to a more proactive anti-icing procedure using a treated salt. Residents will notice a few changes, most notably the absence of sand on many of our roads. It also might seem strange that we will be spreading the treated salt on our roads well in advance of the snow or ice event. This part of the procedure allows the treated salt to be worked into the pavement to prevent ice from bonding in the first place.

We anticipate using about half as much salt and dramatically less sand which will save money and reduce the environmental impact of our winter maintenance. Additionally, pre-treating out salt will cut the corrosiveness to that of distilled water which is better for municipal and resident vehicles.

The Highway Department is proud of Barrington's winter maintenance reputation. At no time will we be compromising the overall safety of our residents during this transition. This should be a big step towards a more environmentally friendly way of dealing with winter maintenance while drastically cutting back on the amounts of sand and salt that end up in our ecologically sensitive areas. Feedback, both positive and negative, from our residents is encouraged as part of this process. Please contact us through our website: <https://www.barrington.nh.gov/highway-department> or you can call 664-0166.

We would also like to remind residents of other important items during the winter season:

### **Parking**

Please remember that the Town of Barrington has a year-round parking ordinance that bans parking on all Town roads. Any vehicles obstructing snow and ice removal operations will be towed at the direction of the Barrington Police Department and at the owner's expense.

### **Trash Receptacles**

If you have your trash picked up, please make sure that all bins are at least 10-15 feet in your driveway and not on the side of the road during snow removal operations.

### **Sand**

A salt/sand mixture is available to the residents of Barrington and is located in the citizens' shed outside the Transfer Station gate. Residents are limited to three five-gallon buckets. Bring your own container and shovel.

### **Mailboxes**

Mail and newspaper boxes are allowed in the Town's right of way at the homeowner's risk. The following are suggestions for resolving the possibility of damage.

1. Mailboxes should, whenever possible be installed a minimum of three feet from the edge of the pavement.
2. Installation should be sufficiently sturdy to withstand the weight of heavy snow resulting from plowing operations. Despite our precautions, plow trucks or the plowed snow can inadvertently strike or push over a mailbox. This usually occurs during periods of low



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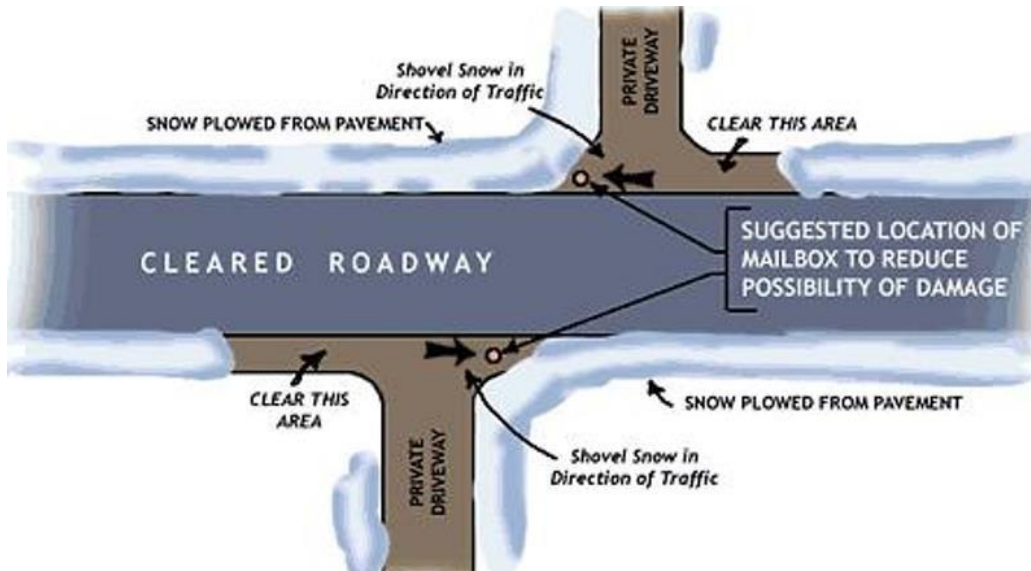


visibility or during heavy snowfalls. **The Town of Barrington will not assume responsibility for the replacement or repairs** to those boxes located in our Right-of-Way; however, we will be happy to work with the homeowner to locate or design a mailbox system that will minimize snowplow damage.

### Placement of Snow

The Town of Barrington has an **ordinance** against snow being plowed, shoveled, blown or placed onto a Town road or across the road to the opposite side. The Barrington Police Department enforces this ordinance.

During a storm we will continue to plow and treat the roads until the end of the storm. A final run is made to push back the snow banks to prevent snowmelt from running onto the travel surface, provide more room for additional snow storage and increase sight distance and visibility.



Thank you for your continued cooperation and best wishes for a happy and safe winter season!

From,

*Barrington Highway Department.*