

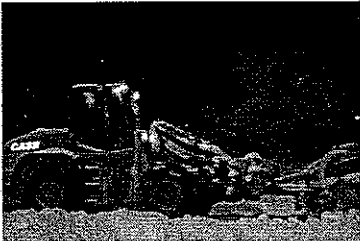


VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

VILLAGE SNOW CONTROL - WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

The Village's policy for snow and ice control aims to provide safe movement of vehicle and pedestrian traffic in winter conditions. Plowing normally begins when approximately 10 centimeters (four inches) of snow has fallen, or when lesser snowfall is causing dangerous conditions. Weather conditions often are a factor in the decision when to start plowing, as predicted heavy snow, warming weather, rains or freezing may delay or hasten a decision to begin plowing.

The Villages.....Street Snow Plowing Priorities



Emergency routes
Steep hills
Arterial roads
Collector roads
Local roads
Cul-de-sacs
Parking Lots

Some streets may not get done the same day depending on weather conditions and crew availability, or hills may only be done and streets left based on predicted weather conditions.

How to Help

- Drive with caution and reduce speed in snowy conditions.
- Avoid unplowed routes and don't park on unplowed streets.
- Property owners/occupiers are responsible to clear private roads, driveway and accesses without depositing snow onto Village streets.
- Vehicles need to be removed from streets during plowing to allow for effective snow removal (you could be ticketed if you impede snow plowing or your vehicle may be towed at your expense).
- Clear snow from the mouth of a driveway in the direction of vehicle traffic and back on to the boulevard (to the right side when looking at the street from the driveway). This will avoid re-plowing into your driveway.
- Do not deposit snow over culverts or catch basins. Overloaded drains can flood and cause property damage.
- If you have a catch basin in front of your home, it is good practice to clear it with your driveway to avoid potential flooding of your yard, driveway or basement, as sometimes Village crews cannot get to all catch basins before the heavy rains come that often follow a snow storm.

Sidewalks

Many communities require residents to clear sidewalks in front of their residences. Gold River does not as we plow the snow from the streets to the sidewalks (due to the narrowness of our streets) and the heavy balls of snow are too much to ask residents to shovel off the sidewalk. In the past our equipment was not designed for sidewalk clearing and was not as effective as we would like. Last year we purchased multi-attachment Municipal Tractor which helped to improve sidewalk snow clearing. We attempt to plow the sidewalks soon after the streets are clear but there remains some unique obstacles (street lights, retaining walls), or weather conditions, that limit the quality of work. Due to manpower limitations Village crews do not normally manually shovel or clear sidewalks. We ask pedestrians utilizing sidewalks after they have been plowed to use extreme caution and where sidewalks are not cleared or no sidewalk is in place, that vehicle traffic slow down and take extra precaution when passing pedestrians who are walking on the street.

Walkways

After snow plowing is complete and crews are available the Village tries to clear the many walkways connecting neighborhoods but this is last on our list and we do not schedule overtime for this work. These walkways may not be clear for a few days after a snow fall and pedestrians should use extreme caution or avoid these walkways until they have been cleared. On occasion the walkways may even be closed to pedestrian traffic until de-icing or snow clearing can be completed.