



Snow Removal

The Village of Richwood has a snow removal policy whereby all streets within Village limits will be plowed and salted as conditions warrant. To ensure that major thoroughfares remain open to traffic, a prioritization program has been established. Please keep in mind that snow and ice must be removed from the major streets first so emergency vehicles (Fire/EMT & Police) have access to all parts of the Village. As soon as we're sure that major streets and bridges are clear, equipment immediately moves into the residential areas of town.

- Primary Streets - major arteries or streets with dangerous inclines or curves are plowed first. These streets will continue to receive treatment as long as weather conditions continue - blowing snow and freezing roads once snow has thawed can require continued treatment
- Secondary Streets - through streets that intersect primary streets. These streets will be plowed and salted once primary streets have received treatment
- Tertiary Streets - primarily courts, alleys and no outlet streets are plowed and salted last
- Private Streets- are not plowed.
- Streets will be plowed at 25MPH
- Removal of snow piles down town will now be removed between the hours of 12 Midnight and 6am.

Residents can assist the snow plowing process in several ways:

- Residents should not shovel snow into Village streets or allow private contractors hired to plow their driveways to do so
- Stay as far away from snow plows as possible
- Keep children away from snow plows
- Keep parked cars off the street
- Do not attempt to pass a snow plow

To provide a more thorough and quicker snow removal service, residents are asked not to park their vehicles on the street after a snowfall. Residents are asked not to leave any free standing obstacles on the roadway such as free standing basketball and street hockey goals. The Village of Richwood is not responsible for damage to these items. We would also like residents to refrain from putting garbage bags or recycling bins in or right next to the street during plow season, before 6:00 a.m. Snow plow drivers want to clear the streets for your safety, and obstacles such as trash cans need to be out of the way. Residents are asked to keep their sidewalks, curbs and gutters in repair and free of snow, ice, debris and obstructions. This will help prevent flooding when the snow starts to melt.



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Driveways: Village of Richwood is responsible for making sure vehicles have safe and efficient access to the roads. Occasionally, snow plowing may leave snow at the end of driveways—this is not intentional. If you find it necessary to clear your driveway, push or shovel the snow or ice to the LEFT of your driveway (looking at your house from the street); this will minimize the amount of snow and ice that gets pushed back into your driveway from the snowplows. Snow being thrown into the street by residents clearing their driveways is dangerous, and causes accidents every year. Remember: It is illegal to throw snow onto the roadway. It is best to wait until plowing operations are complete before clearing your driveway.

Mailboxes: Check your mailboxes and posts for cracked boards, missing screws, etc., to make sure your post is still in good condition. A rotted post will not stand up to a Richwood winter for very long, and repairs are more difficult after the ground has frozen. The Village of Richwood Public Works Department is not responsible for mailboxes knocked down as a result of snow thrown off of a plow onto a weak mailbox post. Please note the mailbox installation specifications per USPS are: the mailbox should be 6 - 8 inches from the outside face of the curb, and 41 - 45 inches up from the top of the curb.

Snow Emergency: During winter weather situations, counties have the authority to issue snow emergencies. In accordance with Ohio law, the Village of Richwood recognizes the following snow emergency classifications as issued by Union county:

- Level 1 - conditions are hazardous, motorists should drive carefully
- Level 2 - people should drive only when necessary
- Level 3 - roads are closed to non-emergency travel. Police may arrest people who are on the road unnecessarily

Anyone with questions about this service, please contact the Village of Richwood Administration offices.