

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

TREATMENT:

Pavement: Our primary form of treatment is scraping and sand. We often use a mix of sand with salt to keep snow from packing to ice and to clear pavement at the end of the storm. Our sand/salt mix is very low in salt for economical and environmental reasons, so our roads generally clear to bare pavement some time after the State treated roads. In certain circumstances/conditions we will run straight salt.

Gravel: Our only form of treatment is scraping and sand. Salt cannot be used on gravel roadways. Applying salt to gravel roads would cause an accelerated thawing process in the spring and would cause severe mud.

ROAD PRIORITIES:

Priorities of roads for treatment are based on amount of traffic, speed of traffic and grade of road/hill. Our first priorities are always the main routes, Dana Hill, Straits Rd, Old Bristol Rd. and the steepest hills, such as Sinclair Hill, Donkin Hill, etc. When school is in session, school bus routes are also our top priority. With over 50 miles of roads that we are responsible for we do the best we can to get everywhere in a timely manner and we appreciate your patience. Maximum plowing speeds range only 10-15 MPH and are much lower during ice conditions.

ROAD CONDITIONS:

We monitor road conditions visually and use weather information to formulate a response. We also receive assistance from the Police Department during overnight hours, or when road conditions drastically change. If we are expecting multiple inches we will generally plow after there is 2-4 inches of snow on the roadway. If we are expecting freezing rain after snowfall, we may elect to leave a few inches of snow on roads, especially dirt, to curb icy conditions. Every storm is different and our treatment methods will be adjusted accordingly.

EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWNS:

From time to time, usually at the most inopportune time, equipment will fail. This does increase our response time to certain areas, but we will continue to do everything possible to treat the roads in a timely manner.

SAND FOR RESIDENTS:

The Public Works Department provides sand at no charge to residents for personal use only. We cannot provide salt due to the high cost. As you drive up to the facility the sand pile is on your left before the gates.

SIDEWALKS:

Sidewalk snow clearance will be conducted as soon as possible during winter storms. Personnel availability and the needs to maintain safe roadways will take priority.

WE WELCOME QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS, GOOD OR BAD

You can contact us directly at 744-8025. Many times we are all out on the roads so leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.