

Village of Wales

Snow Removal Policy

The Village of Wales has 22 centerline miles under our jurisdiction. In addition, the Village is responsible for the Village Hall, Community Building, public parking lots, community parks and designated sidewalks. The snow and ice removal program is a vital public service.

Providing snow and ice removal is a large task. Variations in weather conditions, time, temperature, precipitation amounts and rates, and traffic make the problem complex.

Some hazards and obstacles faced by our snowplow contractors are parked cars, garbage cans, vehicles traveling too fast and too close to the plow trucks, and children playing and building forts too close to the streets.

Snow Plowing Procedures

Type of Precipitation	Actual Amount	Procedure
Snow Flurries	Trace to 1"	Will not plow. May salt/sand intersections, hills and curves.
Snow	1" to 2"	Will begin plowing. Continue to salt/sand intersections, hills and curves.
Snow	2" to 5"	Will continue to plow to maintain 1 passable lane. Continue to salt/sand intersections, hills and curves.
Snow	6" Plus	Snow Emergency to be declared. Will continue to plow to maintain a passable lane in the event of emergency vehicle traffic. (The contractor can be directed to clear a path for emergency vehicles.)
Ice	¼" or less	Will salt/sand intersections, hills and curves
Ice	¼" or more	Will salt/sand all streets. Snow Emergency may be declared if travel is impeded.

The snow plow contractor may also be dispatched by the Village President, the Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor or, in their absences, any Village Board Trustee. The contractor may also be dispatched by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department.

Initial plowing procedure is to open the streets to allow traffic. Final plowing to push to full width of the street is to be done within 24 hours of storm's end.

Cul-de-sacs present a special problem for the snow removal crews. Initial plowing in cul-de-sacs will consist of making a double-width pass to clear snow to allow residents street access during the storm, with cleanup to follow the end of major plowing efforts.

Helpful Hints and Reminders

- It is unlawful to deposit snow or ice onto any Village street, whether or not it has been plowed.
- Village ordinances prohibit snow from private properties being plowed across Village right-of-way and on to other private or public property.
- It is the responsibility of the landowner to clear sidewalks within 24 hours of storm's end. If not done the Village may provide such service and bill the landowner for service (or place on the tax bill).
- The Village of Wales is not responsible for any damage caused to mailboxes by the process of clearing snow.
- The process of plowing the streets will mean additional snow will be deposited at the end of everyone's driveways.
- It is the responsibility of the landowner to clear the end of their driveway. The Village plowing contractor can not be hired or requested by residents to clear driveways while on Village business.
- It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure access to the mailboxes for the mail carrier.
- It is the responsibility of landowners to shovel out the hydrants located on their property so in time of need the Volunteer Fire Department personnel don't waste valuable time in locating and shoveling out the hydrant in an emergency.
- It is the responsibility of the landowner not to place any obstacles in the streets to prevent the plows from plowing to street's edge (keep garbage cans in your driveway right-of-way).
- For safety's sake, do not allow children to build and/or play in the banks at road's edge.