

## Frequently Asked Snow Plowing Questions

Here are the answers to the questions that town officials & employees hear most often. We hope this is

Helpful to you and that you enjoy our sense of humor!

**“Why do the town plow trucks keep hitting my mailbox when they plow snow?”**

Plowing snow is not an easy job, especially in the middle of a storm in the dark. The road crew has many things to watch for when plowing snow and sometimes mailboxes are hanging out too far into the road right-of-way. Sometimes it isn't even the plow that does the damage, just the snow and ice that comes off of the plow. You can be assured that the drivers do not do this intentionally and certainly try their best to avoid all damage to personal property.

**“When will the town clean up the mess in my yard from the snowplows?”**

Unless the damage or debris is severe, probably never. The town has the right to use the whole road “right-of-way” and is not really responsible for minor damage within that area. Damage to lawn/grass is unintentional and unavoidable. Try to look at it as a small price to pay for living in the beautiful countryside?

**“Why does the town always plow my driveway shut after I just finished shoveling it?”**

The drivers plow the roadway in the most efficient manner possible to provide the safest driving conditions as quickly as possible. The plows deliver snow to the side of the road as long as the truck is moving. There is no way to “shut off” the flow of snow at driveway entrances. You can, however, assist in keeping your driveway clear by depositing all snow from your driveway to the left side, as you face your residence. Also, if you clear an area on the right side of the driveway along the roadway, the plow will clear itself of snow before it reaches your driveway. See diagram below.

