



CITY OF HALLOWELL

# Public Works Department

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## SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION

The City owns four plow trucks:

### **PW3 & PW8**

- single axle 8500 series dump trucks
- each carries eight yards of material

### **PW7**

- midsize 4500 series
- carries five yards of material

\*All three of these have a dust pan and wing to move snow.

### **PW 2**

- Ford F-250 Heavy Duty pickup with a nine and half foot V-Plow
- two yard stainless steel sander

The City plows +/- 56 lane miles, and we try to pre-treat main arteries when possible. Each storm is different and presents challenges that can be difficult to handle due to factors like temperature, time of day, traffic amounts, rate and type of snow fall. We begin plowing as soon as accumulation starts, or sooner if pre-treating, and continue until roadways are clear of snow.

We concentrate our efforts on main roads, Winthrop St., Second St., Middle St./Litchfield Rd., Whitten Rd., Maple St./Greenville and the hills Central, Academy, Chestnut, Union, Grove, Page and Main Roads through the country. In the days after storm the crew spends time pushing back snow banks to make room for next storm and keep sight lines open at intersections.

### **SIDEWALKS**

We plow +/- five miles of sidewalks after storm events, with the roads being our first priority. We plow sidewalks in the downtown business district first, including Water St. and some of Second St. Depending on length and amount of snow we then begin cleanup of other sidewalks, usually after plow truck operators have had a break from street plowing. This process takes ten to fifteen hours, depending on amount and type of precipitation.

Please consider that Plow Operators do not get a shift change, and the City has no spare drivers or plow trucks. The Operators and trucks that you see starting to plow in the evening as you head home are the same ones you see in the morning on your way back to work.

Plow Operators frequently plow day and night, sometimes working for several days after a storm to keep the roads safe. If you can, please help by giving them room to work and abiding by the City's road closures and parking bans.