

**Town of Lyme
Lyme NH**

Policy	TITLE: Snow Removal & Ice Control Policy	
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Winter Operations: Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy**

Purpose: The goal of this policy is to provide a general guideline for snow removal and ice control operations on the roadways of the municipality for the safety and benefit of Town residents and the motoring public.

Policy: As each storm situation varies, it is important to emphasize that this policy is to be used as a guideline to assist Agent in making well informed judgments and decisions in the exercise of snow removal and ice control responsibilities. A rigid application of this policy is inadvisable given the varying conditions that result from each storm. It is not practical to set forth a single policy could that could dictate set procedures under all possible variants.

Traffic volume, roadway grade and posted speed are the primary factors in determining the level of winter maintenance service. It is generally not practical to maintain a snow or ice-free road or sidewalk surface during a storm. It is the intention of the Town to provide practical, safe access to homes, businesses and municipal facilities as soon as is reasonably possible following the cessation of a storm.

The judgment of the Road Agent governs the type, quantities and application schedule of materials used to control snow and ice. It is the intent of the Town to use the minimum deicing or anti-icing material needed to restore safe travel conditions as soon as reasonably practical following the termination of winter storms. Salting and sanding units are usually equipped with calibrated mechanical spreaders that accurately control the application rates of materials. Employees are instructed in the proper dispensing of the necessary quantity at the appropriate time.

Mailboxes and Other Structures within the Right-of-Way: Occasionally, mailboxes or other devices are damaged by snow plowing operations due to poor visibility, the mailbox being buried in a snow bank or the weight/volume of snow being plowed. This damage is not deliberate and in most cases is unavoidable. The Town of Lyme is not responsible for damage and does not repair, replace or re-erect boxes that are located

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within the right-of-way. If these devices are located within the right-of-way, they are the responsibility of the property owner.

In the event of personal property damage, the Town of Lyme will only be responsible to repair or replace damaged property having been in actual contact with the snow removal equipment that is on private property and not within the public right-of-way.

Homeowners may not shovel or plow snow into the roadway or across a public way to the opposite snow bank.

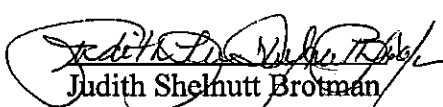
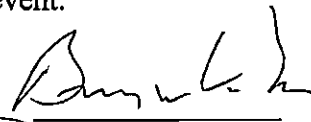
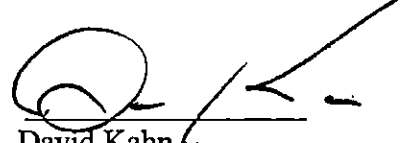
Widening or Pushing Back Snow Banks: Following storms with heavy snowfall or when several storms result in substantial snow banking, the Highway Department under the direction of the Road Agent will initiate road-widening procedures. Snow banks may be pushed back, or shelved, using the plow and wing of the grader or other suitable equipment. The purpose of this operation is:

- To provide room for future snow storage
- Reduce or prevent melted snow from running out onto the roadway and creating icing conditions
- Increase safe sight distance at intersections and driveways
- Maintain a uniform line by eliminating protrusions at driveways and intersections.

Unfortunately, there is no way to prevent depositing snow in previously cleaned driveways or walkways.

Authority: The implementation of all winter maintenance activities for the Town of Lyme is at the discretion of the Town Road Agent or his/her designee per RSA 231:62.

Effective: The Town of Lyme, through its Select Board has adopted this Winter Operations Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy –as amended to be effective, DATE August 8, 2024 . All residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the content as it describes the conditions that one might expect to encounter before, during and following a winter storm event.

 Judith Shelmutt Brotman	 Benjamin Kilham	 David Kahn
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