

WINTER SNOW STORM INFORMATION

The primary responsibility for keeping Vernon streets open and the transportation network alive during winter storms rests with the Town of Vernon Public Works Department. The State Department of Transportation takes care of the state roads (generally any road with a route number) and can be reached at 860-875-4993. The State DOT is responsible for the following routes in Vernon:

RT 30 - Hyde Avenue, Hartford Turnpike

RT 31 - Grove Street, Reservoir Road, Mile Hill Road

RT 74 - Tolland Avenue, East Main Street, Union Street, Windsor Avenue, Windsorville Rd

RT 83 - Talcottville Road, West Road (parts of Hartford Turnpike & Windsor Avenue)

RT 527 - West Street

RT 533 - Tunnel Road, Lake Street (from Tunnel Road to Bolton town line)

RT 541 - South Frontage Road

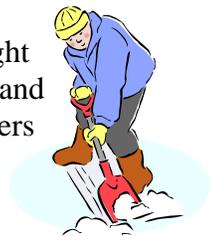
RT 542 - Whitney T. Ferguson Road



When winter precipitation starts, the Town of Vernon Public Works Department dispatches approximately 6 trucks throughout the Town to lay salt and sand on the streets. Residents can help by parking vehicles off the street at all times during the winter months. As snow begins to accumulate or the streets become slippery, more trucks are called out to plow and spread sand and salt over 26 separate plow routes. Within each plow route, certain streets are designated as primary streets to be “opened up” first so that all areas of the Town can be reached by snow removal crews and emergency vehicles, secondary streets are then opened. This means that one or two passes will be made so that the road is open for traffic.

After all streets are opened, the drivers will begin to “widen out” so that the maximum width of the traveled way will be usable. Widening out may require four or more additional passes to move the accumulated snow to the gutter line. Cul-de-sac residents are encouraged to be patient with the removal of snow from these areas as large snow removal equipment cannot appropriately clear the entire area and alternate equipment may then be applied when the storm subsides. The plow operator has little choice as to where the snow will be deposited; many times the snow will be deposited into driveway openings. It is suggested that when clearing your driveway you shovel the snow to the right when facing the street, this way what you have shoveled will not be deposited in your driveway by the plow. The parking ban may be enforced by the Chief of Police if the storm warrants it.

Sidewalks must be cleared of all ice and snow within eight hours of the end of the storm, or eight hours after sunrise if the storm ended during the night. When plowing or clearing driveways and sidewalks snow may not be deposited onto the roadways, plowing contractors and homeowners should take notice that violators may be subject to a fine for this. Our department has free sand available for your sidewalks; call our office at 860-870-3500 for the locations.



Mailboxes can be a major problem in the winter months. Please check your mailbox in the fall to be sure it is not leaning toward the street and that it is secure on a sturdy post. The post should be sufficiently anchored in the ground and should support the box so that it is 42 to 48 inches off the ground. The Public Works Department will not repair or replace mailboxes or post damaged by snow or slush coming off the plow.