



Snow Removal

Snow is plowed from heavily traveled arterial streets before it is removed from less traveled side streets. Parked cars must be removed from Village streets after a three-inch snowfall. Without parked cars, snow can be removed from curb-to-curb to allow proper drainage of snowmelt and to prevent ice patches. The parking ban remains in effect until streets and curbs have been completely cleared of snow. The police will ticket vehicles in violation of the parking ban, except on certain streets where parking is allowed after a snowfall.

Do your part to keep our streets clear of snow and ice. Do not shovel or blow snow onto Village streets. Snow deposited on the streets interferes with efficient snow plowing operations, impedes traffic flow and creates a danger to motorists. The danger is created when the deposited snow is compacted and hardens into ice patches.

If you have a fire hydrant in front or near your home or business, help the Fire Department by making sure the hydrant is clear of ice and snow at all times and is able to be seen from the street.

INTERESTING FACTS!

- Public Works plows approximately 26 miles of road.
- Snow and ice control is considered an emergency operation and takes precedence over other Public Works operations until all streets are cleared and plowed curb to curb and salting operations are completed.
- Approximately 1,000 tons of salt are used during a routine snow season.
- Plowing crews are drawn from all sections of the Public Works Department, including street and water, as well as the Recreation Department.
- 12 trucks equipped with plows will be utilized to clear snow on streets and alleys during a routine operation. There is also a John Deere tractor used for sidewalk snow clearing.
- The Village does not plow or salt streets maintained by other agencies even if these streets are within the village limits. For example, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is responsible for the maintenance of Irving Park Road, Lawrence Avenue, Des Plaines River Road, and Manheim Road.



**JUST
A REMINDER!**

By Village ordinance there is no parking on most village streets if 3 or more inches of snow has fallen, until snow plowing operations are fully completed.

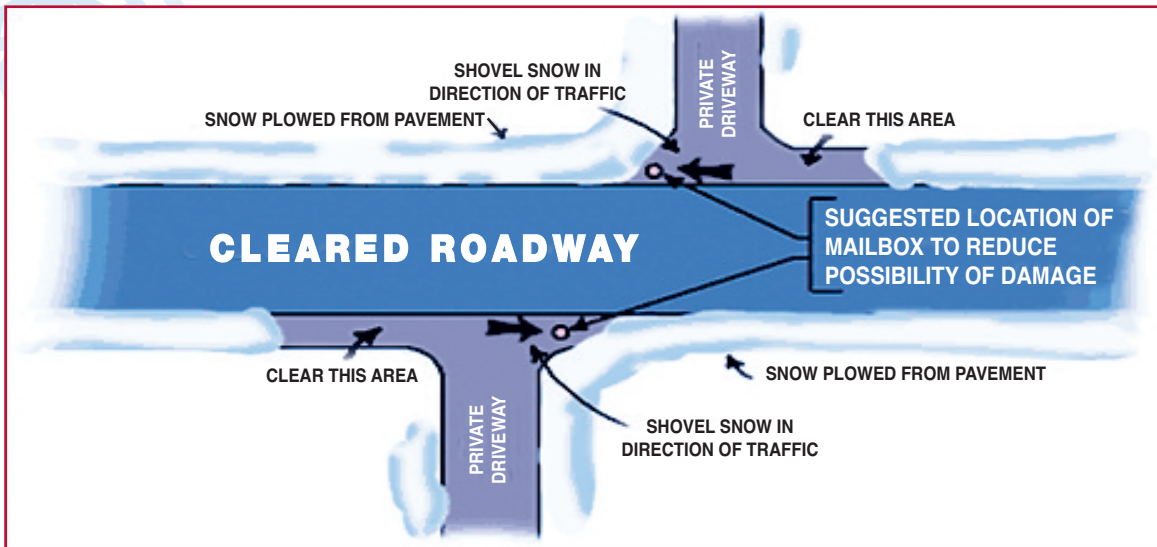
Please clear snow from side walks, catch basins and around fire hydrants and help your senior neighbors and those with disabilities with snow removal if you can!



COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why does the snowplow push snow into my driveway?

- A. It is unavoidable. The driver's main goal is to clear the streets for emergency vehicle access, vehicular traffic and parking. The policy is to clean the street from curb to curb to ensure that emergency vehicles and all traffic can move safely. As the plows pass driveways, some snow will roll off the edge of the side-discharge plow into the driveway, particularly if the driveway has already been cleared. Please see the below graphic on how to properly clear your driveway:



Q. Can I push snow from my driveway into the street?

- A. No. This creates a hazard and is prohibited by Village ordinance. You could also be liable for any accidents caused by this act.

Q. What should I do if a Village plow damages the parkway?

- A. Report the damage to the Public Works Department at (847) 671-8550 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday the Village will restore the parkway in the spring.

Q. What should I do if a Village plow knocks down my mailbox?

- A. Report the damage to the Public Works Department at (847) 671-8550 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Q. I live on a cul-de-sac-it seems that my driveway gets all the snow from everybody else's driveway. Why can't the driver plow from the outside into the middle?

- A. As with driveways on streets, it is inevitable that some snow comes off the plow. Try to wait until the cul-de-sac has been plowed to clear your driveway and push the snow to the right side (as you face the street). Plowing from the outside won't work because the driver would be pushing a larger amount of snow into an increasingly smaller area—toward the middle of the cul-de-sac. Eventually, there would be no place to go with all the snow.

For more information on our snow management operations, please visit the Village website:

www.villageofschillerpark.com

or call Public Works: (847) 671-8550