

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICY

1. Roads in the Town of Strafford will be plowed and sanded as soon as possible following a snow storm. Priority will be given to the school bus routes, particularly when the timing of removal or sanding coincides with the opening and closing of school.
2. Roads will be sanded as needed. Drivers should use caution during and immediately following snow and ice storms, because sanding may not be accomplished sooner than the day after a storm.
3. State statute prohibits individuals who plow driveways from leaving snow in the roadway which may interfere with town plowing, damage town equipment and, when frozen, cause accidents. VSA Title 23, Section 1126 and Title 19, Section 1105.
4. Vehicles and other objects left in the traveled right-of-way, which interfere with plowing or sanding operations, may be towed or removed at the owner's expense.
5. All decisions made by the Road Foreman, after consultation with the Board of Selectmen, are final. The Road Foreman, where circumstances warrant, such as in emergencies, may vary from the above policies.

WE ASK THE FOLLOWING OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC:

Drivers using Strafford's roads in winter must be alert to the great variability in road steepness, curvature and surface conditions which they will encounter during and after snow and ice storms. Winter tires in good condition are essential. Under slippery conditions, until roads are sanded, driving can be hazardous even with 4-wheel drive, studded snow tires or chains.

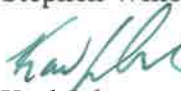
Before traveling, please give serious consideration to all available weather information. If driving is going to be hazardous, remember that it takes time to plow and sand Strafford's 68 miles of roads. When weather conditions are particularly bad or in the event of an equipment breakdown, it will take longer.


Also please slow down and give way to Town vehicles engaged in plowing snow or sanding. These are very large vehicles and it is dangerous to tailgate them or crowd them.

There are times when staying home is the wisest decision.

Adopted on February 9, 2011 by the Strafford Board of Selectmen:


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