



## Standard Operating Procedure

### Winter Operations Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy

Re-adoption date January 9, 2023

**POLICY:** Per RSA 231:92-a and RSA 507-B:2-b; it is the goal and intent of the Town of Dublin to provide timely, efficient and cost-effective winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control on Town-owned roadways for the safety and benefit of the Towns' residents and the general motoring public. At the same time, we wish to protect our lands and waters from the infusion of sand, salt and other detrimental substances. We seek to balance these sometimes-competing goals.

**PROCEDURE:** The goals stated above will be achieved by implementation and execution of the procedures and tasks outlined in the Town of Dublin Winter Operations Snow Removal and Ice Control Procedures. Due to the many variables that are inherent in New England weather, each storm and/or weather event may require a slightly different effort and/or emphasis on any number of maintenances, snow removal or ice control strategies as determined by the Road Agent.

**LEVEL OF SERVICE:** It is the intent of the Town to provide practical and safe access to homes, businesses and municipal facilities during and following winter storms. However, there are times when travel and access may not be safe. During these times, people travel at their own risk.

Generally, the Town will begin snow removal operations upon accumulations of two-inches, or more, of snowfall. The Road Agent may at his or her discretion, based upon weather information reports, modify the guideline. Normally, roads will not be sanded until the conclusion of snow fall.

In the event of rain or icing conditions, especially those lasting for an extended period, roads will be sanded prior to the morning and evening commutes. (Timing is to be coordinated with the school bus schedule to the extent possible.)

The ratio of de-icing salt to sand will be as close to 1:20 (5%) as possible (as specified by the 1981 Town Meeting, Article 19). Except for Sensitive Roads, the amount of sand per mile should not exceed 1.5 yards. In the case of Sensitive Roads (specifically, Lake Road, Charcoal Road and Monument Road) that amount should not exceed one (1) yard per mile.

Sidewalk snow removal will depend on the availability of personnel and the need to maintain safe roadways will take priority. It is the policy of the Town to clean public sidewalks as soon as possible after the storm.

**COMMAND:** Direction of all winter maintenance activities for the Town of Dublin is vested with the Road Agent or his or her designee.

**EXECUTION:** The policy outlined above is intended to serve as the normal operating procedures for winter maintenance, snow removal and/or ice control for the Town of Dublin roadways. We recognize that any extraordinary conditions may require modification of these policies by the Road Agent. Examples of extraordinary conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Equipment breakdown
- Snow accumulation in excess in 1" per hour
- Freezing rain or other icing conditions
- Traffic congestion
- Fires, accidents, and other emergencies
- Availability of personnel

**ADOPTION:** The Town of Dublin has adopted the Winter Operations Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy effective December 18, 2000. It has been reviewed and re-adopted on January 9 , 2023. 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.

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