

VILLAGE OF NASHOTAH

PROPOSED SNOW/ICE POLICY

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Snow Removal: The Village of Nashotah endeavors to maintain safe driving surfaces for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions. This does not mean bare, dry pavement should be expected immediately after each snowfall or ice storm. Furthermore, this does not mean that the streets will be completely free of ice and snow. Motorists are expected to modify their driving practices in accordance with the road conditions.

Plowing: Plowing shall consist of moving the snow or ice to either side of the roadway and may also include loading and trucking to a designated location. Under normal plowing efforts, snow and ice will be deposited on driveways during snow and ice removal operations. This will **not** be removed by the Village. Cul-de-sacs present a special problem for snow removal crews. Strict parking restrictions will be enforced.

Sand Barrels: The Village of Nashotah DPW will identify potential problem roads that may benefit from on site emergency abrasives. Areas such as steep hills, dangerous curves, and pedestrian traveled streets may have a barrel filled with sand placed nearby. These barrels will be dropped off in late fall and removed in early spring. Barrels will be placed 3 ft. off of the paved roadway, raised off the ground and angled away from the plowing snow path, and have stakes installed on each side with reflectors. Usage will be reviewed each spring and barrels may be added or removed as deemed appropriate.

Right of Way Review: Prior to November 1st each year, the Village of Nashotah DPW will check for damaged, loose or poorly constructed mailboxes. They will also look for rocks, metal stakes or other potential hazards that fall within 3 feet of the road edge. A notice will be sent to homeowners advising them of any items noted during the inspections that need to be removed or repaired. If a mailbox is not repaired and is struck by a plow, the Village will not repair or replace this item.

Damage to Items in the right-of-way: Items installed or kept on any village right-of-way may be subject to damage from snow plows. Subsequently, any item other than grass, and mailboxes will be not replaced or repaired by the Village when struck by a plow. Underground sprinklers will not be replaced or repaired. Homeowners may also be liable for damage to Village equipment that results from striking obstructions in the right-of-way.

Mailbox: The Village of Nashotah or its designee will replace, at no charge, a mailbox which is damaged as a result of **being struck** by a plow with a standard mailbox and post as determined by the village. This is subject to the exceptions outlined below provided notice is provided to the village within 72 hours and the damaged mailbox or digital photos of same are presented to the village within 72 hours of said damage. Mailboxes tipped, damaged, or knocked down by the mere weight of the snow **will not** be repaired or replaced by the Village of Nashotah or its designee. Since the trucks cannot plow directly up to the edge of a mailbox, residents may need to do clearing to help mail delivery. Newspaper boxes will not be repaired, replaced, or reinstalled by the Village. Permanent repairs/replacement will usually be made at a later date.

If the homeowner wishes to do its own repairs and/or replacement of the damaged mailbox and/or post, the Village will reimburse the homeowner up to \$100 upon submission of a receipt for a mailbox and/or post of their choosing. In the case of multiple mailboxes on one post, \$100 per mailbox will be reimbursed subject to a maximum of \$250 regardless of the total number of mailboxes. Mailboxes damaged as a result of **being struck** by a plow will be temporarily repaired/replaced as soon as possible.

Mailboxes that are not installed per U.S. Postal regulations **will not** be repaired and/or replaced and will not be eligible for any monetary reimbursement. If it is determined that a mailbox, even though installed per U.S. Postal regulations, is located in a way that it can be easily damaged by a snow plow or road maintenance equipment thus rendering the lawful use of the highways hazardous, such mailbox location may be deemed hazardous and subject to possible regulation by the Village. If such mailbox is not moved after proper notification has been rendered to said owner, and the mailbox is damaged during snow removal operations, the owner of said mailbox will not be entitled to any compensation or reimbursement for said mailbox.

Shoulder/R-O-W damage: It is not uncommon during a plowing operation to inadvertently damage the village right-of-way. The village will address these areas and may make repairs as needed if warranted as determined on a case by case basis.

Placing Material in Street: It is unlawful for any person, firm or other agency, public or private, to throw, plow or otherwise discharge snow and/or ice from private property onto any street, avenue, or public place in the Village of Nashotah per village ordinance 10.02 and 10.05.

Salt and/or Sand/Salt Mix: Salt will be applied, when available, at a rate of a minimum of 100 pounds per lane mile and maximum of 200 pounds per lane mile. A sand/salt mix will be used when salt is not available. Application will be dependent on weather conditions.

Fire Pumping Sites: Every attempt will be made to keep pumping sites free and clear of snow and ice for easy access of the fire department.

Winter Parking: Snow Emergencies: When the Village President in conjunction with the Clerk/Treasurer or Public Works Director determine there is a snow emergency, parking on village streets is prohibited as per village ordinance. Upon declaration of a snow emergency, the Village President, Clerk/Treasurer, or Public Works Director will contact the Milwaukee television channels (4,6 & 12) using pre-authorized codes and advise of same. Winter parking and snow emergency parking regulation signs will be posted at all village corporate limits.