



## Town of New Boston Snow Removal, Ice Control and Public Use of Salt/Sand

**POLICY:** It is the goal and intent of the Town to provide timely, efficient and cost-effective winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control on the roadways of the Municipality for the safety and benefit of the town's residents and the general motoring public.

**PROCEDURE:** The objective stated above will be achieved by implementation and execution of the procedures and tasks outlined in the Town of New Boston Winter Operations Snow Removal and Ice Control Procedures. Due to the many variables inherent in the New England weather, each storm and/or weather event may require slightly different effort and/or emphasis on any number of maintenance tasks, which together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal or ice control strategy.

**LEVEL OF SERVICE:** It is not possible to maintain a black snow and ice-free road during a storm. It is the intention of the Town to provide practical, safe access to homes, businesses and municipal facilities during winter storms.

It is our policy to conduct snow removal operations upon accumulation of two inches of snowfall. The Road Agent, as his or her discretion based upon weather information reports, elect to not remove snow until greater or lesser accumulations.

Pre-treatment and ice control may be addressed prior to the actual storm beginning, during the actual storm as seen effective, and proceeding the storm. It should be noted that salt has a much slower effect on melting snow and ice at temperatures below 25 degrees, and may not be applied until it is warmer.

Sand and Salt mix is put out at the beginning of the storm on all tar-surface roads. Plowing will begin depending on snow amounts. The dirt-surface roads are only sanded after the storm is cleaned up. In the case of an ice storm all roads are sanded as needed and as equipment becomes available.

The Highway Department provides salt/sand for public use.

**SIDEWALKS:** The Town of New Boston does not maintain sidewalks as part of its ongoing winter maintenance activities.

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

**EXECUTION:** the policy outlined above is intended to serve as the normal operating procedure for winter maintenance, snow removal and/or ice control for the Town of New Boston. One or more of the following, which may delay or prevent implementation of this policy, may affect all or any part of this policy;

- Equipment Breakdown
- Snow Accumulation in Excess of 1" per Hour
- Freezing Rain or Other Icing Conditions
- Emergencies

- Personnel Illness

**SALT/SAND PUBLIC USE:** Residents of the Town of New Boston may obtain no more than 5, 6-gallon pails of salt/sand at a frequency not to exceed once per storm. Residents are to provide their own container and the means to load the container and transport it to the destination of use.

Residents found abusing these limitations shall be reported to the Town of New Boston Board of Selectmen.

Use of public salt/sand is at the users own risk. The Town of New Boston shall not be held liable for any damages or injuries incurred in the loading, transportation, or use of the material.

**ADOPTION:** The Town of New Boston has adopted this Winter Operations Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy effective November 2000. 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.

Amended by the Board of Selectmen: January 14, 2013