

Town of Breckenridge Winter Snow Plowing and Snow Removal FAQs

Street & Parking Lot Snow Removal

During the wintertime crews work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to clear snow and ice on Breckenridge streets. Here are a few simple things you can do to help crews during that time.

Be patient. The town's main priorities begin with bus routes and commercial routes/areas, then residential areas.

Be Aware. Public Works will post street closures for certain Town blocks for snow removal operations. Orange construction signs will be posted on either side of the designated Town block, at least 24 hours prior to snow removal operations. Vehicles will not be allowed to park in these areas during snow removal operations, and may be subject to removal at the owner's expense.

Observe "No Parking 2:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m." signs. During the late night and early morning hours crews plow and haul snow away from commercial areas, including parking lots and side streets. Unless otherwise posted, parking is prohibited on town streets from 2:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.

Be a good neighbor. It is unlawful to push or plow your snow into or across the roadway. Homeowners and residents are responsible for maintaining their own driveways and parking areas. Your snow must be disposed of on your own property. Disposing of snow in roadways will only affect your neighbor. This code will be enforced and fines may apply.

Landscaping in the right-of-way. Each street in town has a right-of-way of approximately 50 feet, which allows for an area of 15 feet from the edge of the road to perform plowing, road maintenance, and drainage work. If you choose to maintain landscaping up to the road, the town is not responsible for any damage that may occur in the right-of-way due to plowing and snow removal operations.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

What is the difference between snow removal and snow plowing?

Snow removal is when front-end loaders load snow either with a bucket or snow blower into haul trucks and drive the snow to one of the town's snow storage sites.

Snow plowing is when a truck clears snow from the center of the road to the sides of the road.

Will my road get plowed in the winter?

Yes, all public streets within town limits will be plowed in the winter. There is a three priority system. Areas in the first priority are in the core of town and/or on the town's bus system. These areas will receive top priority service. The second priority streets typically fall within a one mile radius of the core of town. The third priority streets are the remaining streets within town limits. Both second and third priority receive less frequent service than first priority streets. Plowing in second and third priority areas may only receive a single pass of the plow once during a 24 hour period.

Why isn't my road plowed when everyone else's road is?

Roads are plowed on a priority basis dependent on weather conditions. Make sure you understand which priority your street is listed as. Priority street information is available on the website or by calling the Public Works Department at (970) 453-3170.

Why can't the snowplow driver change the angle of the blade to avoid plowing snow into my driveway?

Driveway maintenance (snow removal, cleaning, etc.) remains the responsibility of the property owner. The response time to relocate the plow blade angle makes it infeasible to try and blade snow away from driveways.

After my driveway has been plowed the Town snowplow plows snow back onto my driveway or walks. Who is responsible for clearing the snow?

The property owner or resident is responsible for clearing their driveway. Driveways are only an easement onto town roads and are the responsibility of the property owner.

Is it true that it is the property owner's responsibility to remove snow in front of their homes or businesses?

Yes, see section Town Code 10-1-16 at <http://www.townofbreckenridge.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=344>.

Email questions and concerns to websitestreets@townofbreckenridge.com or call (970) 453-3170