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# WELCOME TO THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WEBSITE

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## Snow and other emergencies

When snowfall reaches at least one half inch, the Division of Streets begins plowing and salting main streets. Clearing of residential streets is determined by weather conditions and forecasts. Generally, an accumulation above two inches involves salting and plowing, and less accumulation involves salting only.

### Motorists Tips for Residents

- Obey parking regulations on streets with "No parking when snow covered" signs
- Slow down- slick pavement reduces traction and can mean loss of control
- Increase following distance, use headlights, and wear seatbelts
- Pump brakes to stop gradually or apply anti-lock brakes steadily
- Use caution near snow clearing equipment, staying at least 50 feet away to reduce the risk of accidents
- Allow for snow removal equipment's wide turns at intersections
- Winterize vehicles: check brakes, tires, wiper fluid and wipers
- Equip vehicles with blankets, jumper cables, flashlight (with fresh batteries), scraper, cloth or paper towels, warning devices, non-perishable foods
- Pay attention to weather advisories and leave earlier than usual
- Plan routes to avoid steep upgrades and travel main streets when possible
- Avoid isolated areas during storms



### Snow Plowing Sequence

- **PRIMARY**

Main thoroughfare across town will be first priority in snow removal sequence **for emergency services**. The goal will be to plow these areas down to bare pavement as soon as practical.

- **SECONDARY**

Cross streets throughout Town.

- **TERCIARY**

Small streets and dead ends

- **Lastly**

Parking lots, School Zones, public crosswalks, parks etc.

Some snow plowing less than 2 inches of snow may consist to just plowing the **Main roadways, and short ends and the Hills**.

When primary and secondary roads are done, each driver is assigned his route. There are 8 snowplow routes for streets and 2 snowplow routes for parking lots. The goal for these areas is to make the roads as clean and possible for winter driving conditions. Depending on the day to the week some streets receive priority over residential areas. DPW collaborates with Union Police and traffic patterns as well.