

Snow Plan

This policy is intended to establish the Town of Amherst's policies on snow plowing and snow removal.

The Town of Amherst maintains snow removal equipment consisting of one pickup truck mounted snow plow and cannot respond to all requests for service. It is the Town's policy to remove snow at certain utility, public safety and Town-owned facilities in and around the Town during and after weather emergencies as follows:

Highest Priority

Highest priority sites are ones that require Town employees to be on standby when heavy snows are forecasted. This category shall include those sites whose snow removal needs justifies compensatory leave accrual. The following sites are declared to be highest priority sites:

- Amherst Life Saving Crew entrance and parking areas
- Amherst Fire Department entrance and parking areas
- Amherst Town Hall parking lot

High Priority

High priority sites are those that need to be accessed in order for the Town to maintain water and sewer service. This category shall include those sites whose snow removal needs can be met during normal working hours by the Town crew. The following sites are declared to be high priority sites:

- Water intake access road
- Water plant driveway
- Town shop entrance
- Sewer plant access road
- Water tank sites

Normal Priority

Normal priority sites are sites required to be maintained due to Town ownership of adjacent real estate. The following are declared to be normal priority sites:

- S. Main Street Sidewalk in front of the Town Hall
- S. Main Street sidewalk in front of the MiniPark

After all snow priorities have been addressed, the Town crew will remove excess snow from on-street parking areas on S. Main Street from the traffic circle to the Wells Fargo entrance and then work to clear snow along the sidewalks in the same area.

As VDOT is responsible for the maintenance of streets in Town of Amherst, the Town of Amherst and its employees and contractors shall not plow any street except as specifically authorized herein.

Per the Town Code, it is the duty of owners, occupants and persons in charge of premises within the Town to keep the sidewalks adjacent thereto free from accumulation of ice and snow.

However, in the event of extreme emergencies, the Mayor shall be empowered to declare an emergency for snow removal situations after overtime pay; contractor work; financial, material and personnel resource availability; and appropriateness have been considered. The emergency and extra work ordered shall be reported to the Town Council by the Mayor at the next Town Council meeting.