



Pretreatment Operations

DPW applies a brine solution to prevent snow/ice from bonding to road surfaces. Brine is applied to main roads up to 24 hours prior to storms if the roads are dry, and rain is not forecasted. The DPW, if time permits, brine will be applied to secondary roads.

Brine is comprised of water and salt, using approximately a quarter of the amount of rock salt used in standard application.

Salting Operations

Treatment of roads will begin as soon as weather starts to deteriorate, and any snow or ice begins to develop on roadways. The DPW has three shifts from November – April to address icy road conditions.

We give priority to main arterial roads, collector roads and hilly areas but also respond to isolated problem areas.

Plowing Operations

Plows are dispatched at the Superintendent's discretion after an accumulation of snow. The Town is divided into 30 plowing routes and these routes are serviced by town-owned and contracted vehicles.

Plows make initial passes in both directions starting at the center line of the roadway to open up the center of the street for adequate passage of vehicles.

Shorter streets, dead ends, and remotely located streets are addressed last. After all streets in the route are "opened up", the plows return to push the snow back beyond the gutter line to open for normal traffic operations and make room for additional accumulation of snow.

We make every effort to minimize the snow plowed into driveways, which is mostly unavoidable. Plow operators cannot lift the plow blades as they pass driveways. It is the property owner's responsibility to clear their own driveway.