

**TOWN OF GREENSBORO
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN**

- Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and bus routes first. After all bus routes are done, we will then plow the roads which may cause the most trouble for the public based on traffic volume, steepness, curves, etc. and continue until all roads are open.
- Given the circumstances involved with changing weather conditions, the Town of Greensboro does not have a bare road policy. Travelers who use town roads should exercise due care and reasonable caution during winter conditions.
- The Town recommends snow tires and driving relative to the road conditions.
- During winter weather events, the Town will enforce a ban on all parking along roadsides and places where plow trucks or school buses turn around. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.
- The Town of Greensboro has only three employees to do winter maintenance on over 56 miles of town highways. Each employee has a specific route, which takes between 2 to 4 hours to complete. We vary from these routes only for emergency situations (fire, ambulance, etc.).
- The Town does not plow or sand class 4 roads or private roads.
- The Town road crew usually begin operations between 2:30 am and 3:00 am to have major highways and bus routes clear by 7:00 am
- After 16 hours on the job, the Road Crew is required to stop operations and get a minimum of six (6) hours of rest.
- 19 V.S.A. §1111(b) prohibits encroachments on the town's right of way without approval. Common items residents place in the town's right-of-way include trees and bushes, fences, flowerbeds, posts and stone walls. Objects in the town's right-of-way (25' from the center line) are placed at the owner's risk and the Town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed in violation of the statute. Items that are deemed to be a hazard will be removed at the owner's expense.
- The Town is not responsible for mailboxes or any damage within the road right of way. The Town will not pay for replacement or repair of windshields or damage caused by potholes in road right of ways.

- Salt will be applied to most paved roads, with sand added as necessary. Salt is not effective when road temperatures are below 20 degrees.
- Sand will be applied to the gravel roads. Some particles in the sand mixture may be as large as ½” in size and may cause windshield damage. It is recommended that all travelers use caution and avoid following any winter maintenance vehicles too closely. The Town will not pay for replacement or repair of windshields.
- Under 19 V.S.A. §1111(b) and 23 V.S.A. §1126(a) plowing or shoveling of snow across or onto a town or state highway is prohibited. Violation of this statute may be subject to a fine or penalty. A violator may also be liable for damage to property, vehicles and any undue cost to the town for removal of this snow.
- Overnight parking is prohibited in town parking lots, in front of Willey’s store and roads’ right of way (25’ from the center line) from November 16th to April 15th. Vehicles may be towed at the owner’s expense.

Phone Numbers:

Greensboro Town Clerk’s Office	533-2911
Greensboro Town Garage	533-7149

Greensboro SelectBoard.

WINTER PARKING AND OBSTRUCTION POLICY (Effective annually from November 1 - April 1)

Parking vehicles is prohibited on Town Highway rights of way and turnarounds. Vehicles may be towed at the owner’s expense.

Overnight parking is prohibited in public parking lots or in front of Willey’s store. Vehicles may be towed at the owner’s expense.

Plowing snow across a Town Highway or depositing snow on a Town Highway is a violation of state law and is strictly prohibited.

Trees and brush in the Town Highway right of way that are deemed to pose a hazard by the Select Board or the Town Road Foreman may be removed.

Greensboro Select Board