

Condensed Policy

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CITY OF BRILLION
WINTER STREET AND SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE POLICY

1. Purpose of the Winter Road and Sidewalk Maintenance Policy

To set up acceptable procedures and policies for the winter maintenance of public areas. All previous Winter Road and Sidewalk Policies, written and verbal are no longer valid. The policy is designed to supplement the existing sidewalk ordinances and parking ordinances. All ordinances are available for review at the City Hall.

The intent of establishing the City of Brillion Winter Maintenance Policy concerning ice and snow is to provide a uniform understanding of the priorities and procedures used to manage the plowing and removal of snow and ice from the streets and sidewalks. The weather conditions will affect the priorities, but will not affect the City of Brillion from providing a safe driving and walking environment for the citizens as soon as it is possible.

Salting: Calcium Chloride or Sodium Chloride placed on a snow or ice surface. It is used sparingly because of environmental ramifications under the supervision of the City Administrator. Temperatures must be above freezing to be effective.

Sanding: Sanding shall consist of spreading sand to provide traction on snow or ice. It will be applied only in high traffic areas. Used sparingly because of sand entering the storm sewer can cause maintenance concerns.

Salt and Sand Mixture: A combination of the two products is applied for general use on streets and sidewalks.

The Public Works Director in conjunction with our Police Department and/or DPW Lead Man will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations. The criteria to start operations are:

- a. Snow accumulation of 2 inches or more
- b. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel
- c. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel
- d. Time of snowfall in relationship to heavy use of street

Snow and ice control operations are expensive and labor intensive. Snowplowing operations will not be conducted for snowfall of less than 2 inches unless other factors warrant such operations. Snow clearing operations will not necessarily start at the time the 2 inches have accumulated. The start time for plowing snowfalls of 2 inches or more will be determined based upon road conditions, traffic, weather forecasts and availability of personnel. Salting operations will be used to address snow events of less than 2 inches and any icing conditions.

2. Procedures for Sidewalks

The removal of snow from sidewalks abutting City owned property will be second priority to removal of the snow from the streets classified as Class 1 - Class 5. The only exception is for the Fire Department Police Department and Ambulance Department sidewalks.

The removal of snow on sidewalks abutting private property shall be the responsibility of the owner or occupant per City Code sec. 28-33.

The City of Brillion will not plow a private driveway. The City of Brillion will not remove any snow deposited in a private driveway by snow plowing or snow removal.

The City of Brillion will not allow snow or ice to be deposited in the city streets, pedestrian or vehicle travel area or in a public parking lot from private property. This includes snow blowing, shoveling, plowing, sweeping snow or ice on the areas mentioned above. The property owner will be billed and will have it assessed against their property at tax time.

3. Mailbox Policy

The City of Brillion will pay a maximum of \$25.00 if a mailbox, located within the terrace area set back 6 to 8 inches from the curb or road edge (per City Code sec. 82-8) and is directly damaged by a snowplow. The City is not responsible for any damage due to snow coming off of the plow or for damages to mailboxes that are not located within the terrace area defined in City Code sec. 82-8.

Sec. 82-33. - Snow and ice removal.

- (a) The owner or occupant of any lot abutting a sidewalk in the city shall keep the sidewalk clear of snow and ice at all times at his expense. Snow removed from private property, including driveways, parking lots, alleyways, etc., shall not be placed on the street or road right-of-way.
- (b) Any person failing to remove either snow or ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours after a snowfall or sleet storm shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in section 1-17, and the city shall have such sidewalk cleared of snow or ice and the expense thereof levied as a special tax against the property, collected as are other taxes. The expense of such snow and ice removal shall be charged at a rate as determined by the city affairs committee each year.
- (c) Except as provided in this section, no person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow or ice taken and removed from his premises or elsewhere upon any sidewalk, alley, parkway, public place or street in the city; provided; however, that the person depositing such snow shall, within one hour thereafter, cause the same to be removed from such street.
- (d) The deposit of any snow or ice upon any sidewalk, alley or street of the city contrary to the provisions of this section shall be and is declared to be a nuisance, and in addition to the penalty provided for violation of this section, the city may similarly remove any snow or ice so deposited and cause the cost of removal to be charged to the owner or occupant of the property from which the snow or ice has been removed.

(Code 1983, § 8.07; Ord. No. 409, § I, 12-27-1983)