

Town of Highgate, Vermont

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ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICY

SNOW PLOWING: The Town of Highgate begins plowing when the snow has accumulated 2 to 3 inches. After roads are clear, sanding and salting begin.

PLOW ROUTES: Each plow route is approximately 15 miles long and takes 3 to 4 hours to complete. This means if plowing started when there was 2 inches of snow on the road, by the time the vehicle finishes the route 3 or 4 hours later, there is potential for up to 6 inches of snow on the road again, at the start of the route. There shall be no riders in the Town of Highgate Winter Maintenance Vehicles other than the operator of the vehicles and authorized town officials. All Winter Maintenance Vehicles shall be pulled to the side of the road when the operator is using a cell phone.

FREEZING RAIN STORMS: It is important to note that salt and sand are less effective if applied before the rain stops. There is little the Town of Highgate Public Works Department can do during a winter freezing rainstorm. Salt and sand will be applied to the roads sparingly during the freezing rain and more aggressively as needed once the storm is over.

CLEAN ROADS: The Town of Highgate does not have a clean road policy; therefore, it is possible that not all roads will be kept completely clear of snow, and therefore caution is advised for winter driving. Salt will be used sparingly. The dirt roads will be sanded, but as long as there is ice under the sand, instant stops are impossible.

DAMAGE: The Town of Highgate does not replace damaged mailboxes. The Public Works Director can be contacted for proper placement of mailboxes to avoid damage.

The Town of Highgate also does not cover damage to vehicles as a result of road conditions. The Public Works Department makes every effort to keep the roads free from debris and in excellent condition but drivers are responsible for driving at reasonable speeds to manage road conditions and avoid potential hazards.

TRASH PLACEMENT: The Town of Highgate does not offer curbside pickup. Trash and trash receptacles should not be placed in the Town's right-of-way. The Town will not be responsible for damage to trash or trash cleanup as a result of its obstructing snow removal.

PARKED VEHICLES: No vehicle shall be parked in or on the Town's right-of-way, from the start of precipitation until 48 hours after the storm ends. The Town reserves the right to tow parked vehicles at the owner's expense. The Town is not liable for damages incurred to vehicles parked in the Town's right-of-way (V.S.A 23Section 1742).

Original Policy (2007) was updated to include vehicle damage provision at a warned Selectboard Meeting on April 18, 2019. Sharon Bousquet, Bruce Butler, Randall Connelly, Richard Flint, Josh LaRocque