

TOWN OF MERRIMAC, MA. WINTER STORM POLICY

SANDING & PLOWING PROCEDURE

The Merrimac Highway Department is responsible for sanding and plowing approximately 40 miles of roadway. Main streets, collector streets, and town parking lots receive priority attention. Cul-de-sac, dead ends and unpaved roads are secondary.

During snowstorms, the streets are made passable as quickly as possible. When the storm abates, the plow operators “widen out” all the streets by pushing the accumulated snow back to the curb line and clearing the intersections. This is done so that catch basins are exposed so snow melt and or rain will have a place to go and reduce flooding. Maintaining the road width allows vehicles to pass safely.

Property owners are requested to ensure that snow is not plowed or snow blown from their driveways into a town street. Town bylaw article V section V states any person who deposits snow, or water or causes snow or water to be deposited or pumped from private property onto a public way that created a hazardous condition shall be subject to a fine of \$50.

PARKING

From November 15, thru April 1st, overnight parking on town streets is prohibited. During winter storms please refrain from parking on all town streets so as not to impede snow clearance during or immediately after a storm.

Basketball and hockey nets should be off the roadways during this time so it will not interfere with sanding and plowing operations.

MAILBOXES

Please understand that the town is not liable for mailboxes knocked down and any lawn damage that might occur during snow storms.