



CITY OF HALLOWELL

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Public Works Department

SNOW REMOVAL

The City plows approximately 56 lane miles, and we try to pre-treat main arteries when possible. Each storm is different and presents challenges that can be difficult to handle due to factors like temperature, time of day, traffic amounts, rate and type of snow fall. We begin plowing as soon as accumulation starts, or sooner if pre-treating, and continue until roadways are clear of snow.

We concentrate our efforts on Winthrop Street, Second Street, Middle Street/Litchfield Road, Whitten Road, Maple Street/Greenville Street, the hills on Central, Academy, Chestnut, Union, Grove, and Page Streets, and the main roads through the country. In the days after a storm the crew spends time pushing back snow banks to make room for the next storm and to keep sight lines open at intersections.

Please consider that Plow Operators do not get a shift change, and the City has no spare drivers or plow trucks. The Operators and trucks you see starting to plow in the evening as you head home are the same ones you see in the morning on your way back to work. Plow Operators frequently plow day and night, sometimes working for several days after a storm to keep the roads safe. Please help by giving them room to work and complying with the City's road closures and parking bans.

SIDEWALKS:

After a storm ends and the roads have been cleared, we plow approximately five miles of sidewalks, starting with the sidewalks in the downtown business district. Depending on the length and amount of snow, we then begin clearing other sidewalks, usually after plow truck operators have had a break from street plowing. This process takes ten to fifteen hours, depending on amount and type of precipitation.

The City owns four plow trucks:

PW3

- single-axle 8500 series dump trucks
- each carries six yards of material

PW7 & PW8

- mid-size 4500 series
- carries three yards of material

All three of these have a dust pan and wing to move snow.

PW 2

- Ford F-250 Heavy Duty pickup with a nine and half foot V-Plow
- two-yard stainless steel sander