

# VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

## SNOW AND ICE CONTROL POLICY

### Introduction and Intent

The Village of Little Chute is responsible for over 52 miles of roads and being a growing Village it needs to periodically review and adopt a policy regarding efficient and timely removal of snow and control of ice in order to best provide for safe travel for the greatest number of persons. This policy outlines the responsibility within the Public Works Department to accomplish this goal.

Each storm has different characteristics, when it starts, intensity, duration, temperature, wind and moisture content changes how salting and plowing is done. No operation is exactly done the same way. Staff tries to be flexible to complete the task in a safe and timely manner.

The intent of the snow and ice control policy is to communicate an understanding to the general public, elected officials and staff of the priorities and procedures used by Public Works to combat weather conditions during the winter months.

Before a storm begins, Operation manager and working foremen will be monitoring the development of winter weather systems using local network news, NOAA/NWS. Given any storms progression, decisions are made to begin to prepare and ready equipment, personnel, and contact equipment operators.

The Public Works along with Park and Facilities staff will strive to maintain adequate traction for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions. **This does not mean the streets will be free of snow and ice after plowing.**

Snow plowing and or ice control operations shall commence under the direction of the Public Works Department. Fox Valley Metro Police Department will assist in notifying Public Works of needed service. The Operations Manager or their designee will determine when and what operations will begin. In general, operations shall commence as follows:

- Pretreating intersections and hills with calcium chloride (depending on temperature) prior to snowfall;
- Snow accumulation less than 2 inches normally salting and/or chips (depending on temperature);
- Snow accumulation of 2 inches or more plowing will commence depending on weather conditions;
- Drifting of snow may warrant commencement of partial or full operations depending upon conditions;
- Icing of pavements may warrant partial or full operation depending upon extent and conditions.

Snow and ice control operations are expensive and involve the use of limited personnel and equipment. Consequently snowplowing operations will not generally be conducted for snowfalls of less than 2 inches unless there is a request from the appropriate emergency agency (ie. fire, police, etc.)

## **How Snow Will Be Plowed**

Snow shall be plowed in a manner to minimize traffic obstructions. The center of the roadway will be plowed first. The snow shall then be pushed from left to right with the discharge going onto the terrace area of the right-of-way. It is the goal to have the entire street system cleaned after a "typical" snowfall in approximately 7-9 hours. Cul-de-sacs where there is limited areas in the terrace, snow will be plowed to the center.

## **Snow Removal**

Storage of snow in downtown area is limited. Therefore, the Village will haul snow that is accumulated in the right of way from the Main Street area. Village crew will try and remove snow 24 hours after they have completed snow plowing. This hauling normally will be the following evening hours to maximize the efficiency of the snow removal operations. Snow may be hauled from other locations within the right of way during normal working hours as deemed necessary to maintain safety for pedestrians and vehicles. These other locations will be at the discretion of the Operations Manager or their designee.

## **Equipment Used For Plowing and Removal**

- 6 plow trucks equipped with front plow, wing and tailgate salt spreader;
- 1 front wheel loader with snow bucket;
- 1 front wheel loader with plow and wing;
- 1 mini front wheel loader with bucket or snow pusher;
- 1 ton pickup truck with 450 gallon tank for brine solution;
- 2 tractor backhoes;
- 1 multi-purpose tractor with salter, broom, plow & snowblower attachments;
- 1 snow blower that attaches to front wheel loader;
- 1 mower with broom attachment;

## **Snow Emergency Declaration**

Snow emergencies will be declared by the Village Administrator and will be broadcast by the local media. The classes of snow emergencies are as follows:

### **CLASS I**

- A. No parking on any Village street from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- B. No special permission granted by the Police Department.
- C. Vehicles found in violation are ticketed and removed.

### **CLASS II**

- A. Odd-even parking on Village streets from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
- B. No parking on any Village streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- C. No special permission granted by Police Dept.
- D. Vehicles found in violation are ticketed/removed.

### **CLASS III**

- A. No parking on any Village street at any time until cancelled.
- B. Vehicles found in violation are ticketed/removed.

## **Concerns**

If you have concerns you can call Public Works at (920)423-3865 or go on the Village of Little Chute website [www.littlechutewi.org](http://www.littlechutewi.org) and click on report a concern.

## **Parking Restrictions**

As a reminder winter parking regulations begin December 1st- Through April 1st. During this time vehicles are not permitted to park on the street between the hours of 2am-6am.

## **Depositing Snow On Public Streets**

Sec. 40-65. Snow and ice removal.

(c) Snow and ice not to encroach. No person shall push, shove or in any way deposit any snow or ice from any private driveway, private sidewalk, or private property onto any public street or alley, public or private sidewalk, or public lands dedicated to public use either before or after the public streets have been plowed.

## **Damaged Terrace Lawn**

Terrace lawn that is damaged by plowing operation should be reported to the Village as soon as it is detected. Repairs will be completed as soon as the weather and ground conditions allow in the spring.

## **Mailboxes**

Residents are responsible for keeping their mailboxes cleared of snow for mail delivery! The Village will not replace a mailbox that is not placed correctly and a plow or other street maintenance equipment hits and damages it. The crew is also not responsible for any damages done to a mailbox due to transfer of snow weight.