

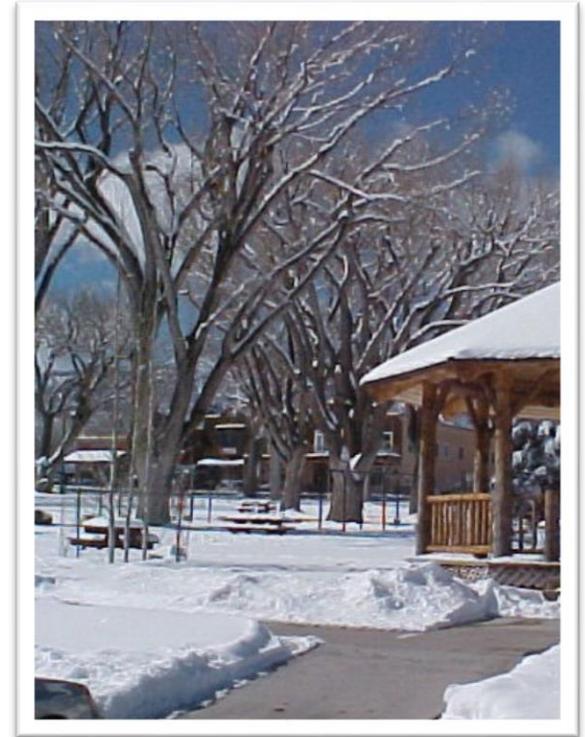
Code Enforcement

While safety is of the greatest concern, it becomes necessary to ensure that the regulations set forth by the Ridgway Municipal Code are enforced. Due to this, it is imperative that everyone works together to improve road and sidewalk conditions this winter.

Thank you for your understanding and willingness to keep our community safe and beautiful.

Ridgway Snow Removal Plan 2016-2017

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Snow Removal in 2016

This year, many new and exciting changes have been made in Ridgway. This investment made by our community and our state provides infrastructure that will improve seasonal safety this winter. Snow removal is a community effort that requires everyone's patience and cooperation.

Prioritizing Streets

Public Works will act diligently to remove snow as efficiently and quickly as possible. There are some areas that have been prioritized as needing more immediate assistance in the early mornings. Snowplowing of streets, as a general matter, focuses first on school streets, followed by businesses, residential neighborhoods, and then critical public sidewalks.

Whose Responsibility?

Sidewalks

In accordance with §14-1-1(B) of the Ridgway Municipal Code, the owner or tenant in possession of property abutting Town sidewalks is responsible to remove accumulations of snow and ice from the sidewalks. As time allows, the Town will actively remove snow from critical sidewalks necessary for safe and expedient pedestrian travel (e.g. school access routes), however, the adjoining property owners have primary responsibility to remove snow on adjoining sidewalks.

Driveways

Property owners are responsible for removal of snow upon their own properties and their approaches to Town streets. The placement of removed snow on Town streets or sidewalks is prohibited. Pursuant to §14-1-3, no encroachment or obstruction shall be made or placed upon any street, sidewalk, curb, gutter or other public place within the Town.

Important things to keep in mind this winter:

- The Town will typically plow when there is 2" of snow fall on hard surfaces, and 4" on gravel streets.
- No parking downtown on paved streets from midnight - 7:30 AM when more than 2" of snow fall is predicted.
- Try to refrain from parking on residential streets during storms. This will allow the snow removal crew to more effectively remove snow in the early morning.
- Public Works will begin snow removal in the downtown area at 5AM, clearing what they can before 6AM. At 6AM they will start removal in accordance with the priority list below:



- On private property, it is the owner's responsibility to remove or store snow from their property. Placing private snow on public streets will result in code enforcement violations.
- On downtown public sidewalks, property owners may put snow a few feet off the curb in the street. This prevents plow damage to curbs and sidewalks. The Town will haul this snow away.



Properties Located on HWY 62

- Where there are three lanes on the highway, CDOT will plow to the center.
- Where there is not a center turn lane, they will plow to the sides to keep the streets unobstructed.
- Keep in mind that it is still the responsibility of the private property owner to remove or store snow from private property.
- Property owners are advised to contact Town Hall for instructions if unsure about appropriate snow removal.

Please be patient with snow removal efforts.

We appreciate your cooperation!