

WINTER TIPS ~ 2006 - 2007

With the winter season approaching, the Andover Department of Public Works would like to remind the citizens of some helpful snow and ice tips:

TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUPS

School closures have NO effect on trash and recycling schedules. Any changes due to storms will be on the voice mail message at 978-623-8350, option 1.

If a road is too icy for safe travel, the trucks will come back at a later time to pick up.

REDUCE SPEED

Please reduce your speed while driving in snow and ice conditions. Speed is the #1 cause of most accidents during the winter. Passing any vehicle during storm conditions is extremely dangerous – especially the passing of plows or sanders.

BRIDGES FREEZE FIRST

Keep in mind that bridges and overpasses freeze first.

MILES TO PLOW

The Andover Dept. of Public Works is responsible for plowing and sanding approximately 200 miles of roadways. This is achieved through both DPW employees and private contractors. The road plowing priorities are as follows: (A) Public safety facilities, school parking lots and main roads. (B) Heavily traveled collector roads. (C) Residential streets, except cul-de-sacs. (D) Cul-de-sac streets. (E) Non-School Parking lots.

PARKING BAN

The Town of Andover has an overnight parking ban annually from December 1st through April 1st, from 1:00am to 6:00am. Motor vehicles parked on Town roadways, which are interfering with the snow and ice removal operations, regardless of the time of day, during a storm event, may be subject to be towed.

SHOVELING SNOW

Shoveling snow from any private property into the street is both dangerous and illegal.

OBSTRUCTIONS

It is highly suggested that any obstructions on a resident's private property, close to the roadway, be marked as to be visible by the snow and ice removal crews. Such obstructions include but are not limited to: mailboxes, lawn ornaments and rocks/boulders. Snow stakes are a suggested method of marking.

PRIVATE ROADWAYS

The Town will not conduct snow and ice removal operations on private roadways, unless the Town in certain instances has agreed with the appropriate party to assume these responsibilities.

SIDEWALKS

Town crews will normally not begin plowing sidewalks until all road clearing operations are completed. Snow and ice removal on the sidewalks in the downtown Central Business District will be the responsibility of the merchants.

We hope that the tips provided above are helpful. If you have any questions or are in need of any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Highway Dept. at 978-623-8426.