



Mission Statement:

The ability to react promptly and decisively to varying winter weather conditions with regard to snow removal and ice control on Village streets and sidewalks is recognized to be an important and necessary function of government, for the safety and well-being of its citizens and visitors. It is therefore deemed to be prudent that standard policies and procedures be endorsed as to the desirable level of snow removal and ice control service to be provided in the Village of Bayside.

Policy Statement:

Due to environmental and economic concerns, it is not the Village's policy to provide "bare pavement" driving conditions at all times and at all locations during the winter season. Village wide application of salt will not generally be done except in the case of an ice storm or similar extreme condition. Salt application will be minimal, as determined by the Director of Public Works or designee. Although hazardous areas such as hills, curves, railroad crossings, controlled intersections and major streets will be given priority attention to minimize slippery road conditions, it is the responsibility of motor vehicle operators to use care and common sense while driving on Village streets when snow and ice conditions exist.

Factor for Consideration:

Since each storm event is different the Director of Public Works or designee will consider the following variables when deciding when and how much to plow and how many DPW employees to send out to plow:

Recommendations made by the shift commander of the Police Department after normal working hours of DPW, with the shift commander making the call;

- Road temperatures
- Wind conditions
- Volume of snow already on the ground
- Additional snow/ice forecasted
- Volume of traffic and safety of the traveling public
- Day of week and time of day
- Consistency of the snow that is falling

Priority List of Streets:

The Village of Bayside is responsible for over 49 lane miles of snow removal, including arterials, secondary streets, parking lots, and cul-de-sacs. The village has classified streets based on function, traffic volume, and importance to welfare of the community. Routes will be plowed in the most cost effective and timely manner. Those streets classified as Priority #1 will be plowed first. These are high volume routes that connect major sections of the Village and provide access for emergency fire, police and medical services.

Priority 1:

- Brown Deer Road /Lake Drive Rt. #32
- Police Department rear entrance area/lot
- Fire Department lot
- Lake Drive, north of Brown Deer Road, north to the Ozaukee County line
- Fairy Chasm Road, west of Lake Drive, west to Port Washington Road
- Regent Road between Fairy Chasm Road and Brown Deer Road
- E. Ellsworth Lane & Pelham Parkway to Bayside Middle School (on school days)
- Broadmoor Road
- Ravine Baye Road
- County Line Road

Priority 2:

- All other (secondary) streets not mentioned above
- Intersections, hills and curves

Priority 3:

- Parking lots
- Sidewalks will be cleared during regular business hours (Lake Drive/Brown Deer Road, Port Washington Road and Brown Deer Road west of Port Washington Road.)
- Snow pile accumulations at intersections and wherever else these piles may present a safety issue will be removed during regular working hours and are not removed after every storm.

Materials Used:

The Village has the ability to use different materials to improve road conditions and improve the ease of street cleaning. —The following materials can be utilized, but may not be used during each event depending upon the antecedent weather conditions.

- Rock Salt
- Salt Brine (liquid solution)
- Liquid Calcium Chloride (added to rock salt at spinner)
- Ice Control Sand

Anti-icing is applying chemicals to roadways to prevent frost and ice. De-icer helps break the bond to keep it from compacting and bonding onto the roadway. Village crews add liquid calcium chloride to strategic areas to improve driving conditions and ease snow removal.

Procedure:

The following are typical procedures the Department of Public Works (DPW) will follow in storm events.

Snowfalls of Less Than 3”:

Plowing/salting is done on an as-needed basis.

Priority 1 & 2:

Directions and decisions on when to plow, how much to plow, and how many employees are to be utilized is the responsibility of the Director of Public Works or designee. In most cases, a crew will consist of two DPW employees.

Snowfalls of Greater Than 3”:

As a general rule, three (3) inches or more of snow will be plowed. A full-scale plowing operation will involve a minimum of three (3) DPW personnel to complete priorities one and two. If a snow storm begins in the late afternoon or early evening, the main streets will be kept open and Village-wide plowing operations will be started at the discretion of the Director of Public Works or designee.

It is impossible to prevent snow from being pushed into driveways when the streets are plowed. In order to minimize this inconvenience to homeowners after a snowfall, it is intended that Village crews complete plowing a given area within a reasonable time, rather than make periodic passes with the plow and each time deposit additional snow in driveways, unless this procedure is required to keep the roads open. Where Village plows cause excessive buildup of snow at the intersection or median, the plowed snow will be removed by DPW after all other higher priority snow removals are completed after a storm event.

Mailboxes

In order to avoid damage to curbside mailboxes, snowplow trucks must keep a safe distance away. It is expected that property owners will have to do some snow removal to provide easy access to the mailbox by letter carriers. Mailboxes accidentally damaged by a snowplow and damage to lawns from the Village snowplows, will be repaired or replaced by DPW with a standardized mailbox set forth by the Village. Snow plowed or blown on Village streets from private driveways and parking lots is in violation of Village Ordinance. Violators will be reported to the Police Department for enforcement of the ordinance.

Hydrant Clearing

As part of the municipal water utility that services a portion of the Village, public hydrants are installed within 500 feet of all properties served by municipal water (per WDNR code). For the benefit of public safety, homeowners who live adjacent to these hydrants are expected to keep these hydrants clear of snow and obstruction. There are, however, some hydrants in the community that are not located near a private residence. As such, DPW crews on an as-needed basis will clear these hydrants.

Fast Facts:

The Village of Bayside has a total of:

- 49.9 lane miles of roadway to plow/de-ice
- 32 cul-de-sacs/dead ends
- 5 parking lot areas (Village Hall/PD, Fire Station, Ellsworth Park, Recycle Center, DPW Yard)
- 2.8 miles of sidewalk
- During an average snow fall of approximately 3”-5” a crew of 3 operators finish all streets in 4 hours