

WINTER ROAD AND TOWN PROPERTY POLICY

TOWN OF MONTEREY

WINTER PARKING BAN

From November 1 through April 15, no person shall park or leave unattended a vehicle on any Town road or Town property that is required to be plowed by the Town, with the exception of downtown, during business hours, where there are designated parking places. Vehicles parked in driveways must be far enough off the traveled way so as to not hinder plowing operations or be dangerous to the snowplows.

Vehicles found in violation of the above parking regulations may be towed at the owner's expense. If you are unable to make it to your destination you may temporarily park at the town hall or town beach.

PRIVATE SNOW PLOW OPERATORS

No private individual shall plow/blow snow on to, across or otherwise dispose of snow onto Town Roads. This is illegal and dangerous and violators can be ticketed by the Police.

MAIL BOX POLICY

We do not deliberately knock over or damage mailboxes. Anything installed in the Town's Right of Way (i.e. fence, mailbox, sign, etc.) is placed there at the owner's risk. Residents are encouraged to place mailboxes at the maximum allowable distance from the traveled way. Be aware the Town of Monterey does not reimburse for mailboxes damaged during snow plowing operations. They should be inspected regularly to insure that they are secured properly and that wood posts are not rotted out.

WINTER SALT AND SAND FOR RESIDENTS

Winter salt and sand for residential use only is available from a pile at the transfer station and is only available when the transfer station is open. Residents are asked to take only (1) - 5 gallon pail at a time for personal use.

WINTER STORM OPERATIONS

PAVED ROADS: Salt is usually applied as snowfall begins to prevent snow from bonding to the pavement. Road temperature, air temperature, wind, snowfall rates, time of day, ice pellets, rain, freezing rain or sleet all affect the timing and amount of salt applications. On school days, bus routes are done before other roads as the buses start running by 6:30am.

GRAVEL ROADS: Gravel roads are plowed after the paved roads and our goal is to have no more than 4-6" accumulate on any unpaved road. Roads are sanded normally at the end of the snowfall, and sand is reapplied as needed.

RAIN, FREEZING RAIN: Salt is spread on paved roads and town properties before rainfall when the road temperatures are below or near freezing to prevent roads from icing up. Salt is reapplied as needed to prevent freeze up. On unpaved roads, sand is applied when possible. During a rain storm with road temps below freezing, unpaved roads freeze instantly, and sand that is applied is quickly frozen over. During a long rain event, we try to sand the gravel roads 3 to 4 times a day to allow some travel, but remember, they will freeze up on you rather quickly. We cannot keep them passable all the time.

Please keep in mind that each storm is unique and requires its own approach to managing the roads. The intensity of the storm may dictate the amount of time the highway crew is able to safely and effectively be able to work. The highway department does our best to plow and sand the roads in a timely manner but ask you to keep in mind that we are limited in how fast we can go (10-15mph) and how much help we have (4 trucks/workers) for 50 miles of road. After a storm has stopped it takes us on average 4 – 5 hours to complete clean up.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

1. Use common sense; don't go out during a snow/ice storm if you don't have to. The less people on the road, the less accidents and the easier for us to clean them.

2. SLOW DOWN! Reduce your speed and drive cautiously. Just because you own a 4x4 or AWD vehicle does not mean you are invincible (4X4's and AWD's have the same stopping issues), everyone should cut their speed in half during a storm.
3. Put **snow tires** on your vehicle, all season radials are not enough.
4. Don't leave your vehicle on the traveled way.
5. Listen to the weather forecasts and pay attention to changing conditions.
6. Snow issues/concerns should be reported to the Monterey Police Department by calling 528-3211 or the Monterey Highway Department (if appropriate) 528-1734 or both.