

Winter Suggestion

Many times this winter the Easton Highway Department will be called upon to clear the Town roads of snow. Just as certainly as there will be a storm is the certainty that we will displease some property owners because we will be plowing their already cleared driveway full of snow again. Actually, we wish we could leave each driveway meticulously clear, but to do this would mean that we would never finish the plowing in a reasonable time.

During a storm, our plowing must keep the pavement or traveled right-of-way cleared. After the storm and after the pavement has cleared, we must “widen-out” and clear the shoulder. During this phase the driveway conflict appears. A plow on widening operations fills the opening in the driveway you have cleared. We recognize this as discouraging and irritating but, with your cooperation, this inconvenience can be minimized.

Below you will find a sketch showing how your driveway can be initially cleared to reduce the possibility that after the plow passes you will be snow bound again. We suggest that you clear your driveway in the manner suggested in the sketch. If you will shovel snow in the direction of traffic, and also make a pocket next to your driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the driveway opening.

Broken mailbox posts are another source of conflict. Although our plow drivers take all precautions possible in order not to hit these posts, experience has shown that with reduced visibility during a storm it is not always possible for the driver to see the post in time to avoid striking it with the wing of the plow. As any installation of this nature that is within the right-of-way of a town way is placed there at the owner’s risk, the Town does not assume the responsibility of replacing broken posts. Owners should see that the post are placed at a maximum usage distance from the roadway pavement.

We invite your cooperation and assure you of our desire to cause you a minimum of inconvenience.

Easton Highway Department

