

## **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.

#### **PRIVATE SNOW PLOW OPERATORS**

No private individual shall plow/blow snow on to, across or otherwise dispose of snow onto Town Roads. Violators can be ticketed by Police, per Mass General Law.

#### **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 SAND FOR RESIDENTS**

Winter 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(one) 5 gallon pail at a time for personal use.

## **WINTER STORM OPERATIONS**

PAVED ROADS-Salt is applied as snowfall begins to prevent snow from bonding to the pavement. It is applied on the main roads and at town properties during a storm at a rate that will keep the snow from bonding to the pavement and will allow quicker cleanup when the storm has ended. Snow is plowed on paved roads with the goal of having no more than 3" on paved roads. Road temperature, air temperature, wind, snowfall rates, time of day, ice pellets, rain, freezing rain or sleet all affect the snowplow 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 that 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.

## **HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS**

1. Use common sense; don't go out during a snowstorm if you don't have to.
2. Reduce your speed and drive cautiously
3. Put **snow tires** on your vehicle, all season radials are not acceptable
4. Don't leave your vehicle on the traveled way
5. Listen to the weather forecasts and pay attention to changing conditions