

Town of Blaine Lake

Snow Removal Policy

(Resolution 2021-015 passed January 19, 2021)

1. As snow accumulates to a level of 2-4 inches, after, during or separate from an individual snow event, removal of snow will start at 5:00am, every day until grading and snow removal is complete. Overtime will be approved as required in order to facilitate the timely completion of this priority.
2. Removal will begin on Main Street:
 - a. There will be four passes down the length of Main Street with the grader, pushing snow from the edge of the sidewalk into the center of the street (the “center pile”).
 - b. The grader will begin at the north end of Main Street
 - c. While the grader is clearing Main Street, the loader operator will clear access to the fire hall and Ambulance Depot; and then clear intersections on Main Street
 - d. After intersections are cleared on Main Street, the loader operator will clear sidewalks at the Clinic, Fire Hall, Town Office, Library and Post Office.
3. After opening Main Street, the grader operator will clear access to the school.
4. The grader operator will make two passes on residential streets, and then continue grading as long as necessary to ensure all streets are safe and passable for all vehicles. The snow will be pushed to the center of the street (the “center pile”), and driveway ridges will be cleared in a timely manner.
5. After clearing the sidewalks at the Clinic, Fire Hall, Town Office, Library and Post Office, the loader operator may begin to haul snow from Main Street. Snow removal is to begin at the Railway tracks and continue south to Highway #40; then it to proceed north from the Railway tracks to the Country Girls Inn.
6. Then, the loader operator will clear and haul snow from in front of all commercial businesses, ensuring access for their patrons.
7. For residential areas, snow clearing will start from North to South and then alternate to South to north for the next event, and so on
8. After clearing ridges from driveways in the residential area, the workers shall sand intersections and any other areas deemed necessary.
9. After grading is complete and roads are safe and passable for all vehicles, snow shall then be hauled from the “center piles” and other storage piles, until all cleared snow is removed from Town
10. The Town will assist Churches by clearing snow for funerals if such is deemed necessary

11. Alleys will be cleared as time allows after a snow event, once all the regular clearing has been completed. Alleys will be cleared with the loader at least once prior to the spring melt
12. Residents and business owners will be responsible for clearing their own snow and ice from their property and adjacent sidewalks.
13. Private contractors may be hired but snow must be hauled out of Town, or to an approved Town snow dump when authorized by the Town Administrator or Town Foreman
14. Property Owners/Residents or their Contractors shall not push snow from their lots or the alleys they have cleaned, onto the street. Fines will be issued to anyone caught doing so.