

# Village of Poynette

## Snow Removal Policy

The Village of Poynette has 20 centerline miles under its jurisdiction. Snow and ice removal is a vital public service. Providing snow and ice removal is a large task. Variations in weather conditions, time, temperature, precipitation amounts and rates, and traffic make the problem complex. Some hazards and obstacles faced by the Department of Public Works (DPW) are parked cars, garbage cans, traffic traveling too fast or too close to snow removal equipment.

### **Snow Plowing Procedures**

**To keep on top of the weather conditions, the Department of Public Works and the Poynette Police Department respond as soon as possible to hazardous road conditions. Snow fall of 2-3 inches will generally prompt plowing procedures to start. However, exceptions are made for storms based on the driving hazards they cause. For example, if at the onset of a storm there is freezing rain or icing conditions, surface treatments may be applied. The DPW relies on the experience of its employees to make the best decision as to what equipment to use, the type of surface treatment needed, and when to mobilize snow removal equipment.**

#### **Plowing Priorities**

**During a snow plowing operation the DPW will start by plowing main arterial streets, the school area on week days, Police station, Fire station, and the 100 block of Main Street. After these areas are plowed, operators will move to the residential streets followed by the alleys. In intense snow storms the DPW may only plow the center of the road to try and keep as many roads open as they can. A full width plowing will be completed as the storm ends. Village parking areas will be cleared as soon as equipment and manpower allows.**

## **Snow Hauling Operation**

Snow hauling may occur in areas where there is limited snow storage after a series of storms. The down town area will be removed first. This will occur early mornings or at night when traffic is light. The DPW will then remove snow in other areas as needed during regular business hours. The DPW crew asked that you try and stay clear of an area in which they are removing snow.

## **Helpful Hints and Reminders**

- It is unlawful to deposit snow or ice into any village street/alley, whether or not it has been plowed.
- Village ordinances prohibit snow from private properties being plowed across village right-of-way and on to other private or public property.
- The Village is not responsible for any damage caused to mailboxes that are not properly installed or by the process of clearing snow.
- The process of plowing the streets will mean additional snow will be deposited at the end of everyone's driveway.
- It is the responsibility of the land owner to ensure access to the mailboxes for the mail carrier.
- All property owners in the Village that have fire hydrants located on their property or adjacent road right-of-way, should remove all snow and ice from a two (2) foot radius around each hydrant