



❄ Village of Webberville Winter Snow Removal Reminders & Important Winter Safety Information ❄

Snow Plowing Operations

As winter weather arrives, the Village would like to remind residents how our snow removal process works.

There is **no required snowfall amount** before plowing begins—we dispatch crews as soon as possible to ensure roads are safe and convenient for travel.

Because plows **push snow to the right**, you may notice snow accumulating at driveway and mailbox entrances. While we cannot prevent this entirely, you can help reduce the amount pushed back into your driveway by placing your own snow **on the right side** as you face the road. Please also make sure snow piles do not obstruct motorists' visibility.

Know the Law: Snow Placement on Roadways

Michigan State Law (**MCLA 257.677a**) prohibits placing snow, ice, or slush on any public roadway. This includes:

- Shoveling or blowing snow onto the street
- Pushing snow across the road
- Placing snow on the shoulder near driveways

Violating this law not only creates dangerous conditions but may also lead to liability if an accident occurs. Always keep all cleared snow **on your own property**.

Reduce Snow at Your Driveway Entrance

While plows do their best, some snow will always be pushed toward driveway openings. You can **minimize the “windrow”** by following these simple steps:

1. **Shovel snow to the right side** of your driveway (as you face the road).
2. **Clear a pocket** on the opposite side of the driveway.
3. Snow from the plow will naturally fall into this pocket **instead of** across your driveway.

This practice helps reduce the amount of snow you'll need to re-shovel after the plow passes.

Mailbox & Hydrant Access

To help our mail carriers and first responders:

- Clear the area in front of your **curbside mailbox** after the plow goes by.
- If there is a **fire hydrant** near your home, clear a path to and around it so firefighters can access it quickly in an emergency.

Why Snowplows May Appear to Move Quickly

Operators maintain legal and safe speeds. To properly roll snow off the roadway, plows must maintain enough momentum for the snow to move off the blade effectively.

Stay Back: Snowplow Following Distance

For your safety and the safety of our operators, Michigan law requires:

- **At least 200 feet** behind a snowplow when it is actively plowing or salting.
- **At least 20 feet** when the plow is stopped at an intersection.

These rules apply when the plow is operating with lights on. Passing a plow is allowed only when **safe and legal**. Violations are civil infractions and may result in fines.

Property Damage During Plowing

Lawn Damage: If Village plows damage your lawn, please contact the **Department of Public Works:**

 **(517) 375-8671** Repairs (topsoil and seed) will be completed in spring after snow has melted.

Mailbox Damage

- The Village is **not responsible** for damage caused by snow thrown from plows.
- If your mailbox is **struck directly** by a Village plow, call DPW for evaluation.
- Decorative or non-standard mailboxes/posts in the public right-of-way are placed **at the owner's risk** and will not be repaired or replaced by the Village.

Village Ordinances: Snow Removal Requirements

§ 92.15 – Snow Removal Required; The occupant of any premises in the Village—whether a house, store, building, or lot—that has a public sidewalk must remove, or cause to be removed, all snow and ice from that sidewalk according to the following rules:

- (A) If snowfall accumulation is **less than four inches**, all snow and ice must be **removed within 24 hours** after snowfall has ceased.
- (B) If snowfall accumulation is **more than four inches**, all snow and ice must be **removed within 48 hours** after snowfall has ceased.

Neglect to Remove Snow; Procedure

If any owner or occupant fails to remove snow and ice from a public sidewalk as required by § 92.15, the Village President or designee will remove (or cause to be removed) the snow and ice at the owner's expense.

This charge will become a special assessment, payable as described in § 92.17.


What NOT to Do with Snow

For safety and compliance:

- Do **not** shovel, blow, or plow snow onto public (or private) roadways.
- Do **not** push snow across the road or create narrow, unsafe sections.
- Ensure your **snow removal service** follows these rules—homeowners are responsible for contractors' actions.

Thank You for Helping Keep Webberville Safe This Winter!

Your cooperation helps our snow removal crews work more efficiently and keeps our streets safe for everyone.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the **Village DPW** at  **(517) 375-8671**