

## **TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE SNOW REMOVAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

The Town of Mountain Village has developed snow removal policies and practices in order to provide our residents and guests with the safest possible roadways in the most efficient manner. The safety of all travelers on our roadways is our primary concern.

We prioritize the snow removal of our streets according to traffic volumes and public safety requirements, focusing first on main arterials and moving as quickly as possible to secondary roads. Our first concern is for bus routes and access for emergency vehicles. The main arterials that are plowed first are Adams Ranch Road, Double Eagle Drive to Mountain Village Blvd., Mountain Village Blvd, Benchmark Drive and San Joaquin Road. These are followed by the secondary roads off Benchmark and San Joaquin and then secondary roads in the lower areas of town. It is normal for the higher secondary streets to receive more snow from a snow cycle than the lower so they are cleared first. The plow crew tries to clear all the streets as quickly as possible but the secondary streets will always be cleared later than the main arterials.

The Town's road crew may commence snow and ice control operations during the extended operating hours when any of the following conditions exist:

1. Snow accumulation reaches 1-2 inches or more
2. Icy conditions affecting travel
3. Deteriorating weather conditions which could affect travel
4. Road conditions that could deteriorate due to high traffic volume

Snow removal operations start daily at 5:30 AM and continue until 1:00 AM seven days a week. The day shift (5:30 AM to 4:PM) consists of 3 to 4 operators using a motor grader, one or two snow plow trucks with sanders and a front end loader. The night shift (2:30 PM to 1:00 AM) consists of one to two operators who use the equipment as required. On those nights when there is steady snow fall the night shift may concentrate on the main arterials.

For the most part the snow on all roadways is plowed half to one side and half to the other side of each road, with the exception of Mountain Village Blvd. through the Village Center where the snow is straight bladed and released on the west side of the road. The snow from the roadway is stored in the town right of way (ROW). In the process of removing the snow from the roadway driveways will be plowed in. The Town is not responsible for snow removal from driveways. All snow from private driveways must be stored on private property or in the snow storage area off the roadway. If the snow storage areas are used **all** snow must be completely out of the roadway. Homeowners are responsible for the actions of their snow removal contractors. You should be aware of who your contractor is and that they are aware of the Town's snow removal policies and procedures. Please be reminded our snow removal procedures are in place for the safety of the public.

The Town of Mountain Village has a 30 foot ROW from the center line of the roadways on both sides. The ROW is there for snow storage. If landscaping is present in the ROW it may be damaged. We try not to damage landscaping but sometimes it is unavoidable. We apologize if this should happen. In some cases snow may also be stored in the General Easement (G.E.). The G.E. is a 16' easement inside the perimeter of all lots so designated. If homeowners utilize the ROW for ski in and/or ski out access the area can be filled with snow. The Town is not responsible to remove that snow or for the maintenance of ski in/ski out access.

Between snow cycles the road crew will be conducting clean up operations. The immediate function of the clean up will be to push or wing the snow banks to make room for the next snow cycle. This is followed by cleaning out the fire hydrants and relieving snow storage areas that have become over burdened. This can occur throughout the winter and can entail multiple pieces of equipment that are required to move the snow from one side of the road to the other or move it to an even more distant location for storage. Sometimes this operation causes traffic concerns as well as excess snow in the roadway. This is a temporary condition and will be cleared as soon as possible. Always use caution around snow removal equipment. We make every effort possible to minimize the clean up work done in the residential areas and the village center late at night so as not to disturb our residents and guests, however it is occasionally necessary.

For initial and subsequent ice control measures, chemical and gravel with salt is applied before or soon after snow starts to fall in order to provide traction and reduce the bond of the snow pack to the road surfaces. It is not always possible to predetermine when a snow event will start so we often times pre-treat the roadway with magnesium chloride as a precautionary measure. The purpose of this pre-treatment is to reduce the time that the roads are snow packed and need to be sanded. This reduces the amount of material used for sanding and helps reduce the amount of dust particles in the air. The roads are sanded with a 3/8"(-) washed rock with an 8% salt mix. This material breaks down into small particles less readily than softer sand mixes. This application provides traction and helps melt the snow pack.

Please be reminded that snow removal equipment has the right of way. Slow down and use caution when you encounter snow removal equipment. Follow well behind snow plows with your headlights on, staying clear of flying snow and sanding materials. Remember to avoid the driver's blind spots. Slow down and stay well over in your lane when approaching from the front. Snow plowing is for everyone's safety; please drive carefully around our snow removal equipment.