The Town of Ridgefield has the capacity to store 1,500 tons of sand under cover. The sand stockpile is replenished as needed and the sand is adequate for the entire winter season.

AS THE STORM GETS UNDER WAY

The Highway Dept. is responsible for 190 miles of road. The town is divided into 14 separate sections. Our department begins sanding operations in all 14 sections simultaneously once snow, sleet or freezing rain begins to fall.

DURING THE STORM

When we have received two inches of snow, and more is expected, the town moves into a plowing operation, opening roads for emergency vehicles and routine traffic. We will continue with this procedure for the duration of the storm. Once the storm has abated the town must begin to “widen out” all roads by pushing the snow back to the curb line and clearing intersections. Our crews are well trained and will remain on the job for the duration of a storm. Crews will continue to monitor all roads for icy spots and areas where winds blow snow across fields and open areas onto the roadway. In most instances sand is applied to intersections, hills and curves to assure that riding surfaces and braking areas remain drivable.

SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are the sole responsibility of the property owner. Removal of snow from sidewalks is required within 8 hours of the cessation of the storm (but not later than noon of the following day). Sand and/or salt must be broadcast as necessary. If snow has not been removed within 24 hours, the Board of Selectmen will instruct a contractor to do so at the property owner’s expense.

SNOW REMOVAL

If the storm drops more than 6 inches of snow, snow removal in the downtown area will be done. This will take place during the overnight hours following the storm to minimize any traffic and/or business disruption. The town will also send crews to clear snow and ice from catch basins to ensure that melting snow will have a place to run off.

PARKING BANS

NOTE: There is NO OVERNIGHT PARKING on any street in Ridgefield. From the time a storm begins until such time all streets are clear of snow & ice, the ban is extended to include daylight hours as well. Parking in the street will result in the vehicle being towed at the owner’s expense. Fines may also be levied at the discretion of the Police Department.

OBJECTS IN THE TOWN RIGHT OF WAY

Our drivers will use every precaution to prevent hitting mailboxes in the right of way. However, experience shows that with reduced visibility during a storm, it is not always possible to do so. With large snowfall amounts or wet snow, the weight of the snow being pushed is enough to displace mailboxes. Please be aware that any objects placed in the town right of way are placed there at the owner’s risk. The Town of Ridgefield does not generally assume any responsibility for the replacing of mailboxes or posts that are within the town’s right of way – unless they are physically hit by our
HELPFUL HINTS

We all know that winter weather can make us all a bit stir crazy. Please remember that snowstorm operations take time. Our crews do the best they possibly can to safely and quickly clear the roads.

Here are a few helpful suggestions to make winter storms more tolerable:

When you or your plowing contractor are shoveling or plowing the entrance to your driveway, please push all snow to the right side of your driveway (as you face the road); this will help minimize the amount of snow that will ultimately be pushed back into your driveway during the widening out phase of operations. Do not throw the snow into the roads; it is in violation of State and local codes by causing hazardous road conditions and it will only be pushed back where it came from. Violators could be subject to fines.

If you do need to call the Highway Department about a legitimate hazard, please do so. We will get to your concern as soon as we possibly can. Please be patient, repeatedly calling the department will not get the crews there any faster.

Removing your car from the road at the start of a storm will assure that your road can be cleared and your vehicle will not be towed.

Place objects at the maximum usage distance from the pavement or right of way to minimize the risk of being hit by the plow.

WINTER / STORM OPERATIONS

The Town of Ridgefield Public Services Department understands that travel during a winter storm can be difficult and trying for many motorists.

The Public Services Department is responsible for the plowing and sanding of all town roads.

We have designed this flyer with the hopes that it will help you understand the policies and procedures followed during winter storms.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Public Services Department at 431-2748.