

Snow and Ice Control, Village of Potsdam

The following is a brief description of the Snow and Ice policy adopted by the Village of Potsdam Public Works Department.

History:

St. Lawrence County has been contracted by New York State Department of Transportation to remove snow and ice from 322 Lane miles of New York State Highway in St. Lawrence County. The Village of Potsdam along with 12 other local municipalities is contracted, by St. Lawrence County Highway Department to remove snow and ice from these highways. Potsdam's Contract calls for the Public Works Department, to maintain snow and ice control of 20 Lane miles of State Highway that runs throughout the Village. They include the following routes, Route 56 both North and South to the Village limits, Route 11 both North and South to the Village limits, Route 11 B. East to the Village limits, Route 345 West to the Village limits, Maple Street from Clarkson Avenue, East to the intersection of Market Street and Main Street, and the entire downtown square from Market Street to Park Street. The Village is fully reimbursed for its expenses in maintaining these sections of State Highways.

Policy during an Event:

During a Snow event it is the policy of Public Works to keep all State Highways open, along with other key streets in the Village. Public Works gives priority to Grove Street, Cottage St., and Leroy Street for the purpose of emergency vehicles, into and out of, Canton-Potsdam Hospital. There are five other minor collector streets in the Village that are given priority, they are, Sisson Street, May Road, Clarkson Avenue, Outer Main Street, and Lower Pine Street. All other streets are referred to as secondary streets. Secondary streets will be maintained so that some sort of pass ability is established during an event. Final plowing of secondary streets will usually be done after the event has ended.

Odds & Ends:

Snow removal in the downtown district will usually be done between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., within two to three days after an event.