



# Town of Bayfield Snow Removal Policy

## **General Guidance:**

The Town of Bayfield begins plowing streets snow when there is a snowfall of three inches or greater, or if conditions warrant. During the wintertime crews may work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to clear snow and ice on Bayfield streets. Here are a few simple things you can do to help crews during that time.

**Be patient.** The town's main priorities begin with school bus routes and commercial routes/areas, then residential areas. Your patience during weather emergencies is appreciated. It is simply impossible to clear all streets immediately.

**Observe Downtown “Emergency Snow Route No Parking 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.” signs.** If the Town Manager declares a snow emergency, emergency snow routes are in effect. Primary emergency snow routes include:

- Mill Street from Bayfield Parkway to Buck Highway (CR 526)
- Church Street from Mill Street to North Street
- Pearl Street from Mill Street to North Street
- Other Streets may be declared a temporary snow route when it is deemed necessary to provide safe and efficient snow removal activity.

The Town will make a reasonable effort to notify to those persons who may be affected through the Town’s Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/BayfieldColorado](http://www.facebook.com/BayfieldColorado)) and Town Website ([www.bayfieldgov.org](http://www.bayfieldgov.org)).

**Be a good neighbor.** It is unlawful to push or plow your snow into or across the roadway. Homeowners and residents are responsible for maintaining their own driveways and parking areas. Your snow must be disposed of on your own property or within snow storage areas, located in the first five (5) feet outside the edge of the asphalt or curb and gutter. Disposing of snow in roadways will only affect your neighbor and could potentially cause vehicle accidents or vehicle damage.

**Contacting Plow Drivers.** Please do not attempt to flag down plow operators, the Town of Bayfield genuinely appreciates calls from the public advising us of weather/road conditions or emergencies. Sometimes, this is the primary method by which we are alerted to existing problems. However, calls making demands on certain areas, or insisting on special treatment do not foster a “spirit of cooperation”.

**Priority:**

Streets and Roads are plowed on a priority basis. The town's main priorities begin with school bus routes and commercial routes/areas, then residential areas.

**Driveways and Parking Areas**

Residents are responsible for maintaining their own driveways and parking areas including those portions of driveways that are in the Town's right-of-way. We regret that snow must be pushed off the street into driveways, and crews do make an effort to refrain from blocking driveways and mailboxes, but there is no other option, especially if snowfall is heavy. When clearing your driveway, please remember that it is unlawful to push or throw the snow onto or across the roadway. Snow must be disposed of on your own property or put in snow storage areas, located in the first five (5) feet outside the edge of the asphalt or curb and gutter. Please note that fines may apply.

**Contractor Snowplowing**

Homeowners who use contractors to plow their driveway must inform the contractor that plowing and storing or piling of snow on Town streets is prohibited. Furthermore, they cannot push the snow across the street onto someone else's property. Hauling may be necessary if adequate snow storage is not available on your property.

**Landscaping Damage**

Landscaping on private property that was damaged by snowplows will be repaired or replaced. The Town will not replace damaged landscaping which is on Town right-of-way. Marking landscaping with high visibility plastic posts is helpful.

**Mailboxes, Newspaper Boxes and Driveway Monuments**

Mailboxes within the Town's right-of-way are installed at the risk of the owner. The Town does not assume the responsibility to clear snow around mailboxes to insure mail delivery. The Town does not assume any legal responsibility for damage to mailboxes, mailbox posts, driveway entry monuments, or newspaper boxes.

**Trash Cans**

Other than the day that garbage pickup is scheduled, please refrain from placing garbage receptacles in the Town's right-of-way. On pick up day, please keep trash poly carts at least 2 to 3 feet from the edge of the road during snow events. The trash trucks are capable of reaching the bins at that distance. Please return the garbage receptacle to your property as soon as possible. The Town will not accept any responsibility for damage to garbage receptacles during snow removal operations.

**Towing Private Vehicles**

The Bayfield Marshal's Office may tow vehicles interfering with snow removal from Town streets. Providing the vehicle is **NOT** a threat to the safety of the traveling public and depending on the severity of the event, prior to calling a tow, the Town will reasonable attempt to contact the owner.

**Sidewalks**

All sidewalks adjacent to private property are the responsibility of the private property owner or tenants to remove snow. Sidewalks immediately attached to the road may be plowed by Town crews at the discretion of the Director of Public Works. When clearing your sidewalk, please remember that it is unlawful to push or throw the snow onto or across the roadway. Snow must be disposed of on your own property or put in snow storage areas, located in the first five (5) feet outside the edge of the asphalt or curb and gutter. Please note that fines may apply.