



Winter Maintenance

Plowing, Spreading Times & Sidewalks

The following tables are guidelines for The Blue Mountains Winter Operations. Once it has been determined by the Roads and Drainage Division Staff that conditions warrant spreading materials and /or snow clearing efforts, the following timelines will be followed. A map of Highway Classification is provided below.

Winter Maintenance Objective:

Class of Highway	Average Daily Traffic	Objective
3	Over 1000	To make best efforts to achieve center bare or track bare pavement.
4	Under 1000	To make best efforts achieve center bare or track bare pavement.
5	Under 1000	To make best efforts to provide a smooth snow covered surface.
6	Under 50	To make best efforts to provide a smooth snow covered surface. Gravel roads in this category may be spot sanded only on hills, curves and intersections.
Seasonal 6	NA	To close these roads and not perform any winter maintenance as signed.

Snow Plowing:

Class of Highway	Snow Accumulation	Plowing Time	Objective
3	8cm	12 hours	Both sides of the road plowed one time within 12 hours after it has been determined that there is 8 cm of snow accumulated on the road surface.
4	8cm	16 hours	Both sides of the road plowed one time within 16 hours after it has been determined that there is 8 cm of snow accumulated on the road surface.
5	10 cm	24 hours	One lane 5m in width plowed one time within 24 hours after it has been determined that there is 10 cm of snow accumulated on the road surface.
6	10cm	24 hours	One lane 5m in width plowed one time within 24 hours after it has been determined that there is 10 cm of snow accumulated on the road surface.
Seasonal 6	NA	NA	No winter maintenance.

Spreading Materials:

Class of Highway	Spreading Time	Objective
3	8 hours	Have materials spread within 8 hours after becoming aware that such treatment is required.
4	12 hours	Have materials spread within 12 hours after becoming aware that such treatment is required.
5	16 Hours	Have materials spread within 16 hours after becoming aware that such treatment is required. Bituminous roads in the category should not be bared after the storm by applying salt.
6	24 Hours	Have materials spread within 24 hours after becoming aware that such treatment is required.
Seasonal 6	NA	No winter maintenance.

This Level of Service Policy :

- 1)
 - a. Only applies to one through lane in each direction and does not apply to auxiliary lanes such as parking, passing or turning lanes, and
 - b. Only applies to a municipality during the season when the municipality performs winter highway maintenance.

- 2) In this section, “snow accumulation” means the natural accumulation of any of the following that, alone or together, covers more than half a lane width of a roadway:
 - a. New fallen snow.
 - b. Wind-blown snow
 - c. Slush.

The objective of The Blue Mountains Roads and Drainage Division will be to provide winter maintenance given the resources available for winter control purposes and given the weather conditions. It is also recognized that conditions do occur that will preclude the defined Winter Level of Service from being achieved. The Blue Mountains will make best efforts to monitor road conditions and weather information.

Sidewalks

The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains has an obligation to maintain its sidewalk network to a safe level of service.

The Town’s practice is to clear priority sidewalks which include Highway 26 sidewalks, Bruce Street and Marsh Street sidewalks from Thornbury to Clarksburg, the business section, schools and nursing home areas. Also included are the commercial areas of the Blue Mountain village

Priority Routes: Following a winter storm event, plow equipment will be dispatched to priority routes upon the accumulation of five (5) centimeters of new snow within sixteen (16) hours of being dispatched.

All Other Sidewalks (Secondary Routes): Plow equipment will be dispatched to secondary routes after the priority routes are completed and upon the accumulation of five (5) centimeters of new snow within twenty four (24) hours of being dispatched.

Sidewalks not included in the defined areas will not be maintained from November 1 in any given year to April 15 in the following year and are considered closed during this period.

