

# Town of Pagosa Springs **SNOW REMOVAL** Guidelines and Responsibilities

The Town of Pagosa Springs has prepared this information to inform Residents, Business Operators and Snow Plowing Contractors.

In preparation of the upcoming winter season, the Town of Pagosa Springs is providing this information to residents & business owners regarding proper snow removal etiquette and responsibilities. The Town plows **30** miles of streets and roads and is asking for everyone's cooperation so proper and efficient street maintenance can be accomplished.

## OUR GOAL:

**Our Goal is to provide snow removal in a timely manner to facilitate safe traffic flow for Drivers. The time required to clear snow and ice from roads varies depending on the following conditions:**

- \*\* Snow Storm Intensity and Duration      \*\* Water Content of Snow**
- \*\* Temperature      \*\* Traffic Conditions      \*\* Time of Day**

**Because of these variables, the Town may not be able to plow or sand roads at the same time each day or on occasion even the same day of the storm.**

## RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS & SNOW PLOWING CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **REMEMBER it is unlawful to push or throw snow onto or across roadways.**
- **Your Snow must be disposed of on your own property.**
- **Unlawful to put Snow on to any Public or Private Property or Right of Way.**
- **It is the Property/Business owners responsibility to provide Snow and Ice removal on sidewalks abutting their property by noon the day following the storm. DO NOT USE ICE MELT. Sidewalks damaged by ice melt are the responsibility of the adjoining owner for repair/replacement.**
- **Trash Carts should be placed in the driveway, a minimum of 5 feet behind the front of the snow berm to minimize the possibility of being knocked over. Trash Carts knocked over are the residents responsibility.**
- **It is the residents responsibility to remove the snow berm left from street plowing.**
- **Reasonable efforts are made to minimize the berm left behind.**
- **If you have an Emergency, CALL" 911"**

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP:

- **Do not park along snow routes. Parking problems are compounded by winter snow and a little extra care should be taken to avoid them.**
- **Parking along Highway 160 between 2am–6am is prohibited, this includes Pagosa Street (Main Street) through Down Town.**
- **Do Not attempt to stop a snowplow or obstruct it's path. Plows must maintain speed for maximum efficiency.**
- **When Approaching a plow from the rear, travel a minimum distance of 200 feet allowing for scattering of sand and abrupt movements.**
- **Use EXTREME Caution when passing snow removal equipment. Before you pass please honk your horn and flash your lights to alert the operator you intend to pass.**
- **Equipment operators often work long hours under trying conditions. PLEASE be a courteous and friendly driver around them. Help them Help YOU.**
- **Be patient. Be assured that during a snow storm, every reasonable effort will be made to *keep* roadways open. All available personnel will be on the road during major snow storms.**
- **We receive many complaints from adjoining property owners regarding a neighbor moving snow onto their property. Ask for permission first, most are upset that this done with out asking and they usually state "if only they would have asked, I would have said yes"**

Thank You, Any questions may be directed to the code enforcement officer @ 264-4151 x225.

You may view more information on your Town of Pagosa Springs WEB Site, [www.townofpagosasprings.com](http://www.townofpagosasprings.com)