

IT'S ALMOST SNOW SEASON AGAIN

Shoveling or plowing snow from driveways or walkways into the street is illegal and can be a serious traffic hazard. When you clean the end of your driveway, deposit the excess snow to the "downstream" side of the driveway. This will minimize the redeposit of snow into the cleared opening when the plow makes its next pass.

WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 1 – APRIL 1

On street parking prohibited between the hours of 1:00 AM – 6:00 AM.

MAILBOXES & BASKETBALL NETS

Mailboxes installed within the town right of way are placed at the owner's risk. The plow operators do not deliberately knock down or damage mailboxes. The primary cause of the loss is the weight of the snow being thrown off the plow. When installing a mailbox choose a suitable location. If you are unsure, check with the postal carrier. After a substantial snowfall be sure to clean in front of the mailbox so you can receive deliveries. If the snow banks are too high to shovel, place a temporary box or a plastic pail beside the road until the snow has melted enough to allow access to the mailbox. Check the condition of your mailbox and post now before the ground freezes and replace them if needed. Basketball posts and nets that have been placed on the edge of the road and overhang areas to be plowed are another area of concern for operators. These have caused damage to town vehicles and must be removed before the snow season begins. The Town cannot be held responsible for damage to posts or backboards and will remove them if they interfere with snow removal operations.

More recently, the Highway Department has been asked to repair or replace parts of underground lawn sprinkler systems that have been damaged during the plowing of streets. Once again, the Town cannot be held responsible for damage to systems installed within the Town right-of-way. Residents should place snow markers beside the road to help protect their lawns.

A sand and salt mixture is available to residents at the Highway Department located on Forest Road.

If you have questions or concerns regarding snow removal, please call the Highway Department at 978-929-7740 (new number) or email highway@acton-ma.gov.