



TOWN OF HOOKSETT – Fall 2019 NEWSLETTER

10 Tips for Surviving the Winter Plowing Season

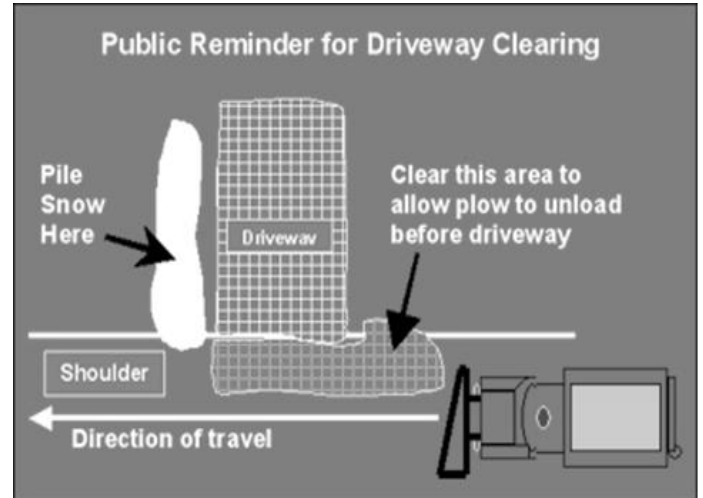
A little patience and a cooperative attitude are essential ingredients for getting through the winter plowing season. When we as citizens, plowing contractors, and town crews work together, we can reduce frustrations that sometimes accompany winter snowstorms. There are many things residents can do to minimize plowing-related problems for themselves and to assure that town crews do the most effective job possible.

When the snow and ice come, just follow the “Top 10 Tips” for the winter plowing season.

1. Observe the Town of Hooksett’s winter parking regulations. Don’t park your car on the street between 11 pm and 6 am. This not only ensures more effective plowing but also helps you avoid a citation.
2. Residents may find it less frustrating to wait until the plow trucks have completed their street before cleaning the end of their driveway. Town plow units are designed to discharge snow to the sides of the road and are not capable of skipping driveway areas.
3. Snow from the bottom of the driveway should be shoveled to the right as you’re facing the street. Clearing snow before your driveway will greatly reduce the snow berm being placed in your driveway during the next plowing. (**figure 1**)
4. Residents hiring contractors to plow their driveways should remind the contractor about state RSAs and local ordinances that prohibit pushing or placing snow back into or across the street. Doing so not only creates hazards for drivers, but also makes it difficult for the Town to keep the streets clean.
5. Residents should clear snow from the mailbox area after each plowing. Snow that remains in front of mailboxes will get compacted by post office vehicles and make subsequent plowing less effective.
6. For curbside trash pickup days make sure your trash can is well behind the curb or in the driveway so the plow will not hit them.
7. Residents who have experienced sod or curbside damage in the past may wish to mark their yard line with flexible stakes or lathe. This will help the plow operators avoid future damage.
8. Don’t allow children to build snow forts and tunnels in the snow banks adjacent to the curb, or to play near the curbs. It can be difficult for the plow operators to see children.
9. Keep sleds and toys away from the street.
10. Residents are encouraged to “adopt a fire hydrant” near their home and keep snow shoveled away from it. This will ensure that hydrants are accessible in case of an emergency.

Call the Public Works Department @ (603) 668-8019 for more information about any of the winter survival tips.

Figure 1



STILL NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING BUT.....

We at the Transfer and Recycling Department are working on trying new ways to increase recycling in Hooksett. We have found some new, old, and different ways to increase recycling. Presently if you have been to the recycling center you have seen some changes in how things are done and that we are separating the recycling. As you have most likely heard the markets are in a new place and we all are trying to make the best of it.

As a result, we have started by separating the recycling into single product bins such as glass, plastics 1 thru 7, mixed paper, steel cans, aluminum cans and cardboard. If we can keep them separated and clean (NO CONTAMINATION) we can ship them to the recycler, help the environment and save the tax dollar at the same time.

Hooksett Shuttle Service

Schedule: Anytime between 9:00AM and 2PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week.

Ridership Criteria: Be a resident of Hooksett; get a free ride! Priority bookings go to medical appointments, but any destination type is an option!

Where does it go The Hooksett Shuttle will take you anywhere in Hooksett, however, due to demands on scheduling, trips to Concord are limited to Tuesdays while trips to Manchester and Bedford are limited to Thursdays.

How does it work? Call the MTA's dispatcher at 603.623.8801 Ext. 2 and say you'd like to book a trip on the Hooksett Shuttle. Provide the required information and be able to get to the curb of your designated pick-up location.

Hooksett Shopper Shuttle

Schedule: Every Thursday stops at the following locations at the following times:

| Pick-Up Time | Arrival Location |
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| 9:05 AM | Windsor Terraces (at the mailboxes) |
| 9:13 AM | Webster Woods (at the mail house) |
| 9:20 AM | Brooks Ridge (At the visitor's center) |
| 9:30 AM | Westview Terrace (Stops on Lindsey Avenue) |
| 9:35 AM | 16 Thistle Lane |
| 9:40 AM | Hollyberry Hill (Mail house) |
| 9:50 AM | Manchester Manor |
| 10:00 AM | Hooksett Market Basket |
| 11:00AM | Return trips in reverse order |

How does it work? Be at one of the listed stops five minutes prior to the shuttle's scheduled arrival. Afterwards, you'll be taken to the Hooksett Market Basket where you can shop for an hour. The bus will then depart and return to the listed stops in reverse order.

Learn more about local transportation options in Hooksett by going to www.hooksett.org/transportation

Hooksett Holiday Assistance Program

If you would like to brighten the holidays for a Hooksett child in need this holiday season, please contact the Town Hall Family Services Department to arrange for a time to pick up a child's wish list profile.

Other ways you can help

The Hooksett Unit of the Salvation Army provides a safety net for your neighbors in need. This is made possible by collected donations that go to support heating, electrical, and rental assistance, the Kids Kloset and Food Pantry, funding for back to school clothing and school supply programs, and providing scholarships for children in need to attend the YMCA Camp of Hooksett. And while we find folks to be very generous, volunteer bell ringers are still needed to help collect vital donations that help keep those efforts going strong! No experience is necessary! Volunteer right now to spend two hours ringing a bell right here in Hooksett (or even better, organize a full day's worth of ringing by recruiting a group of co-workers, friends, relatives or teammates!) Ring a bell – help change a life.

If you can help, please email Abby Reeves at areeves@hooksett.org, HSA13@comcast.net, P.farwell@comcast.net, or register online at <https://www.registertoring.com>

Library information

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Discount Passes: Museums and now... Live Theater & Music! Check out the Merrimack Repertory Theatre in Lowell, MA, SymphonyNH in Nashua, or the NH Philharmonic in Salem, NH. The NHPhil offers 20% off senior and adult tickets using the code "Hooksett". Stop in to the library for details!

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Hooksett Fire-Rescue Department

A common question we are encountering lately is how residents can dispose of medical "sharps" (needles). In an effort to clarify, here are the options that the Town of Hooksett offers for safe and proper needle disposal. Due to the risk to employees these disposal practices must be followed:

-The Transfer Station accepts needles as per the information in the NH Department of Environmental Services Needle document (available on their website www.des.nh.gov or on the Hooksett Fire-Rescue page at www.hooksett.org/fire-and-rescue/). Please refer to this document for details. In brief -It is allowed so long as the needles are put in a container that is rigid and puncture-proof, such as a laundry detergent bottle that has the screw-top securely taped and is labeled "Medical Sharps Container –Not for Recycling" with a permanent marker. You can also print off copies of the label at home and tape them to the container. A printable page is found on our website listed above. No needles in bags or boxes will be accepted. No Exceptions. Take the container into the Office at the Transfer Station at 210 West River Road in Hooksett during regular business hours.

Proper disposal of prescription medications and needles/sharps can prevent harmful health risks to the public, reduce potential drug abuse, and keep our public servants and employees safe. Thank you for helping us! HFR cares!