

Masons Island Fire District

Snow and Winter Guidelines

Snow Plowing

The following is a general description of how the MIFD Roads Manager plows snow from Masons Island's roads:

Step 1 - When a snow storm begins, MIFD responds by plowing the roads when snow accumulates two (2) inches or more. MIFD may plow the road edge to edge during each storm if conditions warrant.

Step 2 - MIFD's policy is to not add salt to our roads. However, sand is applied as needed wherever roads may be icy and/or hilly.

Step 3 - Once snowfall has stopped, our contractor will complete any required post-storm plowing and cleanup and apply sand as needed

Snow plowing operations occur intermittently until all roadways are cleared adequately for the safety of the traveling public. Please consider this timetable when you open your driveways or clear your front walkways so that you may not be disappointed when a snowplow passes by after the snow has stopped falling.

While we try to minimize the amount of snow that gets plowed into driveways it is unavoidable. Clearing driveway openings is the responsibility of the property owner.

- ❖ Plow blades cannot be lifted as they pass by a driveway.
- ❖ Snow can get plowed into driveways as we clear your road.
- ❖ You may wish to clear your driveway several times during the storm or wait until the storm and plowing activities have ended.
- ❖ Shoveling, plowing or snow blowing snow back into the road when clearing driveways and sidewalks is prohibited. If you or a contractor, use a snow plow to clear a driveway do not push the snow into or across the road. **Violators will be fined.**

Mailbox Replacement Policy

In order to provide fair and uniform resolution to incidents involving mailboxes damaged by MIFD's snowplow contractor, MIFD has adopted a new policy concerning the repair/replacement of mail boxes.

MIFD will replace a mailbox only when MIFD's snowplow contractor is found to have made direct contact with the mailbox, not when the box is knocked over by the snow or slush is thrown from the plow.

Basketball hoops, sprinkler systems and other improvements within MIFD's right of way are not permitted and will not be replaced or reimbursed by the Town.

MIFD will reimburse the owner up to \$25 for the post, up to \$50 for the mailbox, and up to \$50 for reinstalling the post and mailbox.

Complaints

Plowing snow from MIFD's roads is a formidable task. The hours can be long, with operations conducted during the most severe weather and driving conditions. We realize that in an operation of such difficulty there are bound to be complaints or requests for additional service.

Calls for service should be avoided early in a storm since it may take several hours for our plow contractor to make his way to your street. If you believe that a request for service is warranted and sufficient time has elapsed for us to have responded, please call the MIFD Roads Manager, Rufus Allyn, 860-235-3465, during reasonable daytime hours.

Remember, driving in winter snowstorms should be avoided whenever possible. Our work to restore safe road conditions is completed quicker and more efficiently when roads are free of traffic and parked vehicles.