

Masons Island Fire District

Snow and Winter Guidelines

Snow Plowing

The following is a general description of how the MIFD snowplow contractor plows snow from MIPOA-owned roads:

Step 1 - When a snowstorm begins, MIFD's contractor responds by plowing and salting the roads when snow accumulates two (2) inches or more and will continue to plow and salt as needed from road edge to road edge.

Step 2 - Once snowfall has stopped, our contractor will complete any required post-storm plowing and cleanup and may apply additional salt 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. Please note:

- ❖ The snowplow driver may plow a portion of a driveway if it is ambiguous where a road stops and a driveway begins.
- ❖ Plow blades cannot be lifted as they pass by a driveway. Driveway aprons should be installed in a manner where they will not interfere with a plow.
- ❖ Installing tall orange marker stakes one foot from the edge of the road along your property line and on either side of your driveway is highly recommended to help the snowplow driver identify the road edge.
- ❖ Shoveling, plowing or blowing snow back into the road when clearing driveways and sidewalks is prohibited. If you use a contractor to clear your driveway, please inform them.

Homeowners can be fined for violations.

Property Damage

In order to provide fair and uniform resolution to incidents involving property damaged by MIFD's snowplow contractor, MIFD has adopted the following policy concerning reimbursement for repair or replacement of damaged property.

For mailboxes, 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 when MIFD's snowplow contractor is found to have made direct contact with the post or mailbox with the plow. MIFD will not reimburse for damages if the mailbox was knocked over by snow, slush or other objects thrown from the plow. Please ensure that your mailbox is installed securely enough to withstand the force of snow or slush from a plow.

Other than a mailbox, MIFD will not be responsible for property damage to any objects either permanently or temporarily located within the MIPOA-owned right-of-way between the road and an owner's property line. This includes, but is not limited to: road aprons, walls, fences, bushes, basketball hoops, or sprinkler systems.

MIFD will not reimburse for damage to any object on a homeowner's property if the damage was caused by snow, slush or other objects thrown from the plow of MIFD's snowplow contractor while clearing an adjacent road. Please ensure that such objects adjacent to a MIPOA road are removed or secured before the onset of winter.

Contacting MIFD with questions, complaints or requests

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 email the MIFD Facilities team at: road_facilities@mipoa.info.

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