

Town of Pitkin Snow Removal Policy

DRAFT with CM suggestions for 10-5-2020

Attorney Mochulsky suggests including a procedure section for priority 3 so the expectations are outlined and the categories (full time/visiting) are defined

PURPOSE

The Purpose of the Snow Removal Policy is to communicate the process and level of service for snow removal in the Town of Pitkin, Colorado. Currently, Gunnison County and the Town of Pitkin have an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to remove snow on a portion of the Town's streets and the Town has a contract with a private company to address additional streets as the budget allows. All finalized IGA documents, contracts, and maps will be attached to this policy as appendices. The amount of funds available for snow removal are determined in the annual budget.

The Town is not responsible for and does not remove snow from private streets, private parking lots or driveways.

PRIORITIES

If funds are available, the following priorities for snow removal have been determined:

- **Priority 1** – Main Street
- **Priority 2** – State Street and others TBD
- **Priority 3** – **All other streets with Full-Time Winter Residents and Visiting Winter Residents.**
 - **Full-Time Winter Residents means those residents whose primary residence during the months of November through March is in Pitkin.** ~~The Town of Pitkin requests notification of plowing needs as soon as possible. Visitors and visiting property owners are required to provide initial plowed access to their properties. Notification is required if additional plowing is to be provided by the Town of Pitkin and departure date should also be provided to the Town.~~
 - **Full-Time Winter Residents must notify the Town of their plowing needs as soon as possible. If Full-Time Winter Residents are aware of dates that they will be out of town, those dates should be included in the notification to the Town.**
 - **Visiting Winter Residents means those residents whose primary residence for the winter is not in Pitkin but who plan on visiting their property in Pitkin.**
 - **Visiting Winter Residents must provide initial plowed access to their property.**
 - **Visiting Winter Residents must notify the Town of their arrival date within one-week of arrival, their plowing needs, and their planned date of departure, as well as a separate notification verifying their actual date of departure.**

REMOVAL

Snow removal services are mutually agreed upon by the Town and the contractor as to when to begin snow removal operations. The criterion for that decision includes:

- Snow accumulation or expected accumulation of 4 or more inches.

Additional cleaning of intersections and roadways will be accomplished after snow events if funds are available.

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Town of Pitkin asks for cooperation from residents in the following areas:

- Streets - All snow from private property or adjacent sidewalks needs to be stored on private property. The town asks that residents shall be responsible for clearing snow in and around driveways.
- Placing, dumping, pushing or blowing snow onto Town streets or rights-of-way from adjacent properties is prohibited.
- Safety around snow removal equipment - Please slow down and use caution when snow removal equipment is operating. Follow well behind the equipment with your headlights on and keep back a minimum of 50 feet to avoid driving in the operator's blind spot. Stay clear of flying snow and **do not** pass snow removal equipment on the right side. Stay clear of equipment backing up and turning.