

Exeter Public Works

Snow Shoveling Tips

When clearing your driveway, make low piles on either side of your drive, especially at the entrances. Be sure they're low enough so you can see approaching traffic when seated in your car.

It's a good idea to learn from which direction the town plow will generally come. If plows generally come from the left put most of your snow on the right side of your driveway so the plow doesn't redeposit snow back into the driveway just to be cleared again. If possible wait until the plow has passed before clearing your drive entrance.

If there's a hydrant in the street in front of your home, clear a path to and around it from the street so firefighters can find and get to it quickly in case of an emergency.

Do not shovel, plow, push or throw your driveway snow onto the public roadway or sidewalk out front as this will create a hazardous surface when traffic passes over it. And don't try to push it all the way to the other side of the street. That would likely create a narrowed area in the road at that location so it'll be dangerous for vehicles traveling in the opposite directions to pass there. (Be sure your plowing contractor honors these restrictions, too; you're responsible for his or her actions).

Never allow children to build a snow fort, tunnels or play in the snow piles next to the street snow plow operators push them back to make room for more snow and again our drivers only have limited visibility.

If an accident were to occur because of the snow you (or your plowing service) had placed on the public right-of-way, you could be held liable. This is not a good way to find out how good your liability insurance is. Your best bet when clearing snow is to pile all of it on your own property.