

clearing the platform and each business owner is responsible for clearing the sidewalk adjacent to their business. Certain major streets in the downtown area are not conducive to regular snow plowing. For these streets, the Village crews will “windrow” the snow, meaning plow it to the middle of the road, load it with a vehicle-mounted snow blower and haul it to off-site locations.

What are property owners responsible for?

Property owners are responsible for clearing driveways and the public sidewalk in front of their home. State law does protect property owners from additional liability for shoveling their sidewalks. Although the Village crews try to avoid putting excessive snow in aprons, this is not always possible. When removing snow from your driveway it should be deposited on the downstream side of the driveway so it is not knocked back onto the apron the next time the plow comes by. We ask that you be a good neighbor and not put snow back into the street. This can cause dangerously slippery conditions for both motorists and pedestrians. It is also a good idea to clear snow from around fire hydrants to aid firefighters in the event of a fire.

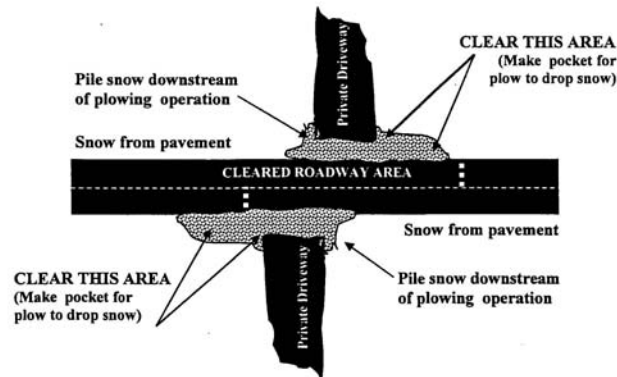
What are the parking restrictions?

By Village Traffic Code, on-street parking is prohibited for eight hours after the snow stops falling if the snow is 1” deep or greater. The only exception is for loading/unloading of passengers or property.

Also, parking in municipal parking lots is prohibited between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. after 1” of snowfall. This includes all of the commuter parking lots in the downtown area.

Shoveling tip:

Shovel snow in the direction of traffic and make a pocket on the opposite side of the driveway as shown. That way, at least some of the snow that has accumulated on the plow will dump into the pocket and not as much on your driveway!



The information contained in this pamphlet can be found in full detail in the Village of Lombard's Snow Plan. The Snow Plan is available on the Village's website at www.villageoflombard.org/snow or at the Public Works Department.

If you have any questions regarding snow removal or ice control on Village roadways, please contact the Public Works Department.

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Flurry Facts

A brief overview of how, when, why and where the Village of Lombard performs ice removal and snow plowing.



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What is the liquid that the Village sometimes applies to the streets in the winter?

When weather circumstances allow, anti-icing chemicals are applied to the main roadways throughout the Village prior to snow events by truck-mounted sprayers. These materials, which consist of beet juice or corn syrup blended with liquid calcium chloride and salt brine, can be applied up to three days in advance of snow events. This application helps to prevent packed snow from bonding to the pavement, thus reducing salt usage to break the bond.

Why does the Village use salt on the streets?

Salt application begins when snow or ice starts to accumulate and cause unsafe travel conditions. To completely salt the Village streets takes approximately 3 hours. The Public Works Department uses rock salt (sodium chloride) as the initial response to winter precipitation. When temperatures drop below 29 degrees, liquid calcium chloride is used as a pre-wetting agent to accelerate the effectiveness of the rock salt. It is the most efficient and cost effective method of snow and ice control for smaller amounts of accumulation. The amount of salt used is determined by total accumulation, temperature and traffic conditions. Vehicular traffic aids the melting action and helps minimize the amount of salt needed. The Village uses approximately 2,000 tons of rock salt and 12,600 gallons of liquid calcium chloride per season.

When are streets plowed?

The Public Works Department begins an all-out plowing effort when 1" of snow has accumulated and snow is still falling. It is the Village's goal to clear all streets within 10-12 hours after the snowfall has ceased. However, as expected, heavier snows take longer to clear and often times a storm event will begin at rush hour which causes delays for both the snow fighters and traffic.

Which streets are cleared first?

The Village has an established priority plowing system with specific goals in mind for clearing the 148 miles of streets. These priorities are as follows:

1. Maintain accessibility to all streets in the Village for emergency vehicles.
2. Maintain priority street drivability for the general public.
3. Maintain minor street drivability for residents.
4. Provide normal driving conditions for all major streets.
5. Provide commuter parking facilities and public building accessibility.
6. Provide clear corners within a 2 block radius of all schools.
7. Provide normal driving conditions for all minor streets.
8. Provide vehicle access to private garages located off of alleys.
9. Remove snow in areas plowed to the middle of the road.
10. Push back corners in plow zones (minor street areas).

Why is my street always last?

Many people don't realize when they buy a house on a cul-de-sac or dead end that it is a lower priority on the plowing list. As outlined in the Village's priority list, one of the Village's main goals is to maintain major street drivability for the general public and it trickles down from there. Due to the extremely low traffic volume on cul-de-sacs and dead end streets, they are low on the list. However, do keep in mind that if you were to have an emergency the Public Works Department will respond immediately at the request of the Police or Fire Departments to provide access for emergency vehicles.

Who clears State Routes?

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is responsible for snow and ice control on all State Routes running through the Village with the exception of the portion of Route 53 between the Great Western Trail and the Illinois Prairie Path. This section of roadway is maintained by DuPage County. The State Routes in Lombard are: North Avenue (Route 64), Roosevelt Road (Route 38) and Columbine Avenue (Route 53). DuPage County, Milton Township and York Township also maintain some fringe areas of the Village. To report issues related to clearing of IDOT maintained roadways residents can call the IDOT Incident Reporting Line (847) 705-4222.

Who clears downtown?

The Village is responsible for clearing the commuter parking lots around the Metra Station as well as the public sidewalks leading to the Metra Station, around commuter parking lots and under the viaduct. Metra is responsible for