

TOWN OF GEORGIA WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

- 1. PLOW ROUTES ARE SET UP TO OPEN THE MAJOR TRAFFIC ROUTES AND BUS ROUTES FIRST. AFTER ALL BUS ROUTES ARE DONE, WE WILL PLOW THE ROADS WHICH WE FEEL CAUSE THE MOST PROBLEMS FOR THE PUBLIC (TRAFFIC VOLUME, STEEPNESS AND CURVES) AND CONTINUE UNTIL ALL ROADS ARE OPEN.**
- 2. THE TOWN WILL ENFORCE NO PARKING RULES AT ALL PLACES WHERE THE PLOW TRUCKS TURN AROUND. VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT OWNERS EXPENSE.**
- 3. THE TOWN OF GEORGIA HAS ONLY 4 EMPLOYEES TO DO THIS WINTER MAINTENANCE. WE MAINTAIN 62.68 MILES OF THE 80.3 MILES IN TOWN. EACH MEMBER HAS A SPECIFIC ROUTE WHICH TAKES ABOUT 7 HOURS TO COMPLETE AFTER THE SNOW STOPS. WE VARY FROM THESE ROUTES ONLY FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (FIRE, AMBULANCE, ETC.).**
- 4. THE TOWN DOES NOT PLOW CLASS 4 ROADS OR PRIVATE ROADS.**
- 5. WE USUALLY START OPERATIONS AT 2:30 – 3:00 AM TO HAVE MAJOR ROUTES AND BUS ROUTES CLEAR BY 7:00 AM.**
- 6. AFTER 16 HOURS ON THE JOB, WE ARE REQUIRED TO STOP OPERATIONS AND GET A MINIMUM OF 6 HOURS OFF.**
- 7. SAND WILL BE APPLIED TO MOST PAVED ROADS WITH A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF SALT ADDED AS NECESSARY (SALT IS NOT EFFECTIVE WHEN ROAD TEMPERATURE IS BELOW 20 DEGREES).**
- 8. SAND WILL BE APPLIED TO THE GRAVEL ROADS.**
- 9. IN MOST CASES, THERE WILL NO MAINTENANCE BETWEEN 10:00 PM AND 3:00 AM.**

TOWN OF GEORGIA WINTER OPERATIONS: SNOW PLOWING ONTO ROADWAYS

Snow plowing onto (and across) roadways. Depositing snow by blowing or plowing onto (and across) the traveled way, shoulder, or sidewalk of a Class 1, 2 or 3 Town Highway violates the Vermont Statutes Annotated - Title 19, § 1105 and Title 23, § 1126a.

Depositing snow onto any highway results in increased maintenance costs and may result in a highway accident. When snow is blown or plowed across the highway, it may cause slippery conditions or snow berms that in turn could cause an accident.

Private parties who violate this State Statute will be given a warning by letter from the Town of Georgia (for town-maintained roads). Further violations may result in the issuance of a traffic ticket which carries a \$50 waiver penalty or a civil action may be brought under § 1105, which carries a fine not to exceed \$1,000 plus costs.



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