

# Wakefield **WORKS**

Department of Public Works

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## Snow Plowing and Snow Removal Procedures

During winter storms, Wakefield DPW crews will be on the roads as soon as possible after the storm begins to ensure that the streets are open, traffic is moving, and the streets and sidewalks are returned to a safe condition as quickly as possible. The response time depends on the moisture of the snow, the timing and duration of the storm and whether the storm consists of freezing rain and blowing snow.

The timing of the storm, as well as the type of storm, (i.e.: fluffy and dry snow, or wet, heavy snow) will determine when crews begin their cleanup. During heavy commuting times, crews will make every effort to keep the major roadways clear of ice and snow, with secondary and side streets cleared as soon as possible. Top priority will be given to heavily traveled roads to ensure everyone's safety. Storms that occur in the evening and early morning hours will enable DPW crews to clean the roads before the commuting hours.

If freezing rain occurs, DPW crews will be immediately dispatched with sand and salt. Drivers and pedestrians are asked to stay off the roadways until the pavement can be treated.

Wakefield residents should also note that sidewalks will be plowed after the snow has stopped falling and street plowing has ceased. If there are back-to-back storms, sidewalks along central routes or heavily traveled by school children may not be cleared immediately after the storm.

Residents, businesses and snowplow contractors should note that shoveling, plowing or blowing of snow back into the streets while clearing driveways and sidewalks is prohibited by Town ordinance. Violators will be fined.

According to Town Bylaws, sidewalks in the downtown area are the responsibility of the abutting property owner, not the DPW.

## WINTER PARKING BAN

The Town of Wakefield overnight parking ban begins on December 1st, and ends on April 1st. The ban requires that all roadways are kept clear of any motor vehicles from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. regardless of the weather conditions. Failure to comply with the regulation will result in the owner receiving a ticket from the Wakefield Police Department and/or the removal of the vehicle from the roadway during a snow emergency.

If a vehicle is impaired and cannot be removed until morning, the owner is required to alert the Wakefield Police Department for assistance.

Additionally, vehicles prohibiting or impacting the operation, no matter what the time, are subject to being ticketed and towed.

## Nahant Street Yard Waste Site

### 2008 Schedule

The Nahant Street Yard Waste Site will be open for the disposal of leaves, grass clippings, shrubs and brush on the following dates:

**Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.      Sundays 11:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

October 4, 11, 18 and 25

October 19

November 1, 15 and 29

November 16

December 6 weather permitting

**Wednesday 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

The Nahant Street Yard Waste Recycling Site is open every Wednesday beginning April 9th through November 26th.

THE NAHANT STREET YARD WASTE RECYCLING SITE IS OPEN ONLY ON THE DAYS LISTED.

**The site is available to Wakefield residents only. A permit is required to gain access.** Permits can be purchased at the DPW Business Office at the Town Hall during regular business hours.

## TOWN HALL HOURS HAVE CHANGED

All Town Hall offices, including the DPW office, have changed their hours of operation to the following:

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Thursday  
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Friday  
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**