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508-862-info (4636) for a recording of the most recent snow and ice updates.

Important Safety Contacts

Call 911 for all emergencies.

For non-emergencies, call Barnstable Police Department at: 508-775-0812

To report power outages, call EVERSOURCE at: 1-800-592-2000

For gas emergencies, call NationalGrid at: 1-800-233-5325 or call 911; report an outage at: 1-800-465-1212

For downed trees, call Highway at: 508-790-6330

Cape Cod & Islands Red Cross Chapter, can be reached at: 508-775-1540

How can you help?

One of the most important things you can do to help our plow drivers is to prepare your home ahead of the storm by marking the edge of your property with reflective stakes.

- ▶ Plow stakes can be wood or fiberglass with reflectors on top or wrapped around the body of the stake.
- ▶ The reflective material needs to be high enough up the stake that it can be seen over the snow drift.
- ▶ Stakes should be driven into the ground as close to the edge of the property as possible.
- ▶ Generally, we recommend placing them every 8-10 feet.

FOLLOW PUBLIC SAFETY ADVICE

- ▶ When a driving ban is in effect, please stay off the roads. It is for your protection.
- ▶ Reduce your speed. This is the number one cause of winter accidents.
- ▶ Please give plows and sanders the right of way and stay at least 50 feet back from each.



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**TOWN OF
BARNSTABLE
SNOW & ICE
SERVICES**

BARNSTABLE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS

Standards of Service

Please Note

Snow removal from business districts:
The decision to conduct snow removal, from which villages, and the timing of that removal will be made by the Town Manager or his designee.

The DPW's goal during a storm is to remove snow to sufficient width and depth to allow the public to travel, at reduced speeds, throughout town during and immediately after a storm. It is generally not possible for the DPW to achieve and maintain bare pavement during a storm event.

To better manage our efforts and expectations of outcomes, the DPW has categorized winter storms and efforts into three categories, loosely defined as follows:

→ 2"-18" SNOW EVENT

Category A: Most common type of event
Accumulation of 2"-18" over 24 hours
Snowfall of 1 inch or less per hour

- Main roads will be cleared and corners pushed back - 8 hours after precipitation ends.
- Secondary, or residential, streets cleared and corners pushed back - 16 hours after precipitation ends.
- Sidewalks/bike paths cleared - this effort will begin within 48 hours of precipitation ending.
- Snow removal from business districts - The decision to conduct snow removal, from which villages, and the timing of that removal will be made by the Town Manager or his designee.

→ 18"-24" SNOW EVENT

Category B: Less common type of event
Accumulation of 18"-24" over 24 hours
Snowfall of 1 inch or less per hour

- DPW will request parking ban from the Town Manager.
- Mobilization of heavy snow removal equipment (loaders, backhoes, etc.)
- Main roads plowed as normal, cleared and corners pushed back - 24 hours after precipitation ends.
- Secondary roads: Initial level of service to just allow for emergency service vehicles. Secondary roads will not be widened out with corners pushed back until at least 48 hours after the storm ends. Expect 'hard pack' conditions on secondary roads.

→ >24" SNOW EVENT

Category C: Unusually large and intense storm. Accumulations greater than 24" over 24 hours or longer
Snowfall of 1 inch per hour or more

OR, a storm with less total accumulations, but with extended periods of snowfall greater than 1inch per hour.

- Priority: hospital routes, assisting police and fire with life safety issues and the largest and busiest of the main roads.
- DPW will request parking restrictions from the Town Manager. Abandoned vehicles stuck on main roads will be handled by the Barnstable Police Department.
- Mobilization of heavy snow removal equipment (loaders, backhoes, etc.)
- Plowing will be slow due to white out conditions and drifting snow.
- Secondary roads and smaller main roads will be left until the highest priority main roads are opened. Expect 'hard pack' conditions on all roads.
- Once main roads are opened, DPW efforts will be split between widening main roads and opening secondary roads. Initial level of service for secondary roads will be to open for emergency vehicles. Secondary roads will not be widened out with corners pushed back until at least 4 days after precipitation ends.
- Parking lots and sidewalks will be left until well after the storm ends.