

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 into your driveway 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.

Are there any parking restrictions?

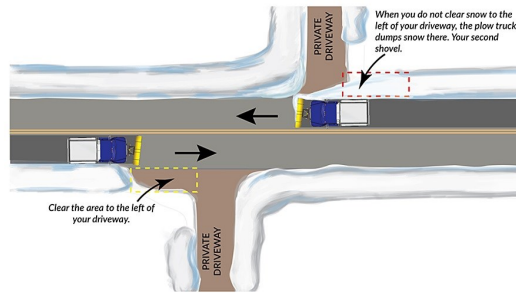
By Village Traffic Code, on-street parking is prohibited for eight hours after the snow stops falling if the snow is 1" deep or greater. The only exception is for loading/unloading passengers or property.

Also, parking in municipal parking lots is prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. after 1" of snowfall. This would include 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!

How to Prevent the "Second Shovel"!

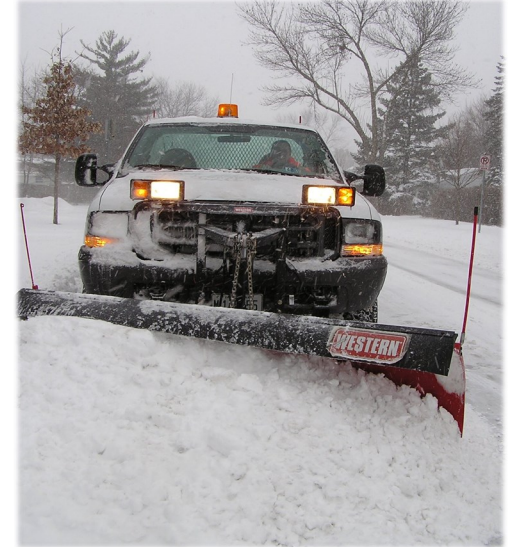


The information contained in this pamphlet can be found in its entirety in the Village of Lombard Snow Plan. The Snow Plan is available on the Village's website at www.villageoflombard.org/snowplan.

If you have any questions regarding snow removal or ice control, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 620-5740 or email publicworks@villageoflombard.org.



Flurry Facts



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

Why does the Village spread salt on the streets?

Salt application begins when precipitation (either snow or ice) starts to accumulate and cause unsafe travel conditions. To completely salt the Village streets takes approximately 5 hours. The Public Works Department uses rock salt (sodium chloride) as the initial response for winter precipitation. When temperatures drop below 29°, 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 winter precipitation. 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 an average of 2,950 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 hours after the snowfall has ceased. Please bear in mind that 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 133 miles of streets in the village. These priorities are as follows:

1. Maintain accessibility to all streets in the Village for emergency vehicles.

2. Maintain major 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. Remove snow in areas plowed to the middle of the road.
9. Push back corners in plow zones (minor street areas).
10. Provide vehicle access to private garages located off alleys.

Why is my street always last?

It is unfortunate, but many people don't realize when they buy a house a nice quiet cul-de-sac or dead end that this situation does exist. 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 priority 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 of Lombard 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: Route 64 (North Avenue), Route 38 (Roosevelt Road) and Route 53 (Columbine Avenue). DuPage County, Milton Township and York Township also plow some fringe areas of the Village.

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 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.

