

CITY OF NEW LONDON

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SNOW AND ICE RESPONSE AND REMOVAL POLICY ~ 2008

The City of New London Public Works Department has established a **SNOW AND ICE RESPONSE AND REMOVAL POLICY** to provide the safest streets and public property before, during, and after winter storms that occur in New London.

The City's Highway, Parks and Building Maintenance Divisions respond to adverse winter weather conditions maintaining over 63 miles of public roadways, along with all Public and Educational facilities throughout the City. Their priority is to provide safe and passable roadways, sidewalks and parking lots at all times to assure the quick response by the City's Public Safety responders, and safe driving conditions for our residents and guests.

PRE-PLANNING PROCESS: The City has for the first time, contracted with a regional WEATHER SERVICE that provides daily updates of New London's forecasted weather. As a winter storm approaches the City, the weather updates are elevated to a two-hour interval of changing conditions continually emailed to City officials. The Department begins to ready all snow and ice response equipment with plows and sanders installed, all equipment safety inspected and fueled and an employee roster is created. Once the storm is positioned to affect New London, telephone contact is made to the Managers of the Streets and Park Maintenance Divisions by the weather service, and a call-out of manpower commences with all first responders reporting to the Public Works Complex.

PRE-STORM RESPONSE: The objective of the Department is to have all equipment and manpower in their assigned areas as the storm enters the City, with all streets sanded as the storm begins and all plows in action as the snow accumulation develops. Early response assures that the City will stay ahead of the storm without fear of any streets not being passable at any time.

SNOW PLOW / SANDING ROUTES: The City streets are plowed and sanded utilizing pre-established routing systems with special attention paid to hills, curves and intersections throughout the City. The Department's goal is to provide streets that remain passable at all times, and even with the most extreme weather conditions to assure all streets remain fully functional for Police, Fire and EMS emergencies. The plowing operation will continue throughout the entire storm with re-sanding only occurring once the storm ends, or unless conditions during the storm require sanding due to icing conditions.

CLEARING OF SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS: Property and homeowners should delay removing snow from their sidewalks and driveway aprons until the City completes its final cleaning and sanding of the roadways. Citizens will know when the City is done when the city trucks sand the road surface **after the storm has ended**. Property owners should not shovel, blow or plow snow into the street at any time. When possible driveway apron snow should be placed on the side that the City plow is traveling to, not the direction from which the plow came from.

PUBLIC USE SAND: Sand is provided free to the public to city residents (not Commercial Plow Contractors) at the following locations:

NEW LONDON HIGH SCHOOL
GREEN HARBOR BEACH PARKING LOT
CORNER OF COLMAN AND BAYONET
REAR LOT OF MARTIN CENTER

NATHAN HALE SCHOOL
CRESENT STREET
ROSEWAY STREET
OLD EDGERTON SCHOOL

ON STREET PARKING: Residents are required to adhere to winter "on street parking" regulations and parking bans when in effect. Parking bans are issued by the Police Department and announced over the regions EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. Alternate street side parking is in effect at the start of winter storms. Residents should park on the odd or even side of the street according to the year that the winter starts. For example the start of the winter is December 2008, therefore parking is allowed on the even side of the street for the entire winter season, unless no parking signs are posted. Where normal parking is allowed only on one side, parking continues through the winter on that same side and throughout the entire year.