

TOWN OF YORK
NOTICE TO TOWN OF YORK RESIDENTS
SNOW REMOVAL

The law regarding the deposition of snow on highways, shoulders or ditches is as follows:

Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Section 214 of the Highway Law and New York State specifically prohibit the placing or leaving of snow, ice or other substance upon any highway (which includes pavement, shoulders and ditches).

As a result, should these practices occur, Police Agencies will be notified of such occurrence(s) with the intent that summonses will be issued to the responsible person or persons.

Any vehicles left on the side of the road will be towed at the owner's expense because they hamper snow removal.

Pushing snow across highways is illegal and violators will be prosecuted.

MAILBOXES

During and after significant snowstorms, Highway Agencies, in the course of plowing, receive phone calls regarding damage to mailboxes, either from snowplows directly or from the force of snow being thrown by the plows. If such damage is indeed caused by snow removal, it is not done intentionally but is an unfortunate consequence of snow removal.

As far as the particular agencies replacing damaged mailboxes, it must be pointed out that there is not statutory or legal authority which grants a property owner or resident along a public highway any right to place a mailbox in a highway right-of-way.

That the mailbox is on town, county or state right-of-way is a courtesy to the postal service.

Thus, when the necessity of keeping the highway open conflicts with the individual's reception of mail, the latter must stand aside. The owner might even be compelled to remove the box under Highway Law #319.

From past experience, we have found that plastic mailboxes do not withstand the abuse of snow from the plows hitting them and are not recommended.

Town of York Local Law #1 of 1986, "Restricting certain parking on Town Roads":

Section I. Restriction of Parking:

Beginning one (1) hour after the commencement of any snowfall in the Town of York, and continuing for two days after such snowfall has ended, no vehicle may be parked on Town Highways or roads and any vehicle so parked during this period may be removed therefrom in order to facilitate snow removal operations, as provided below, at the expense of the owner of such vehicle.

Section II. Removal of Vehicles:

The Town Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to remove, at his discretion, any vehicles parked on Town highways in violation of this local law and to make arrangements for the towing and storage of such vehicles as he may, in his discretion, determine, the charges and expenses of which shall be borne solely by the owner or owners of such vehicles.

Section III. Effective Date:

This local law shall take effect immediately upon compliance with all applicable provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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Town of York