

AHPOA Snow Removal Procedure

The question often comes up as to what the priorities are for plowing snow. The attached list is basically what we follow with changes made as the conditions dictate. We operate with 3 10-12 ton dump trucks with sanders and plows augmented by two pick up trucks with plows. One of the large trucks is over 20 years old and a constant maintenance problem. We also have an antique motor grader that is no longer all wheel drive and prone to failure. Depending on the nature of the snow and the temperature we generally shoot the chemicals and sand first. The sand provides traction and the chemicals start melting the snow. We then come back numerous times plowing and sanding as needed. When the temperature is above 23-24 degrees the ice melt works and we then try and remove the slush. Keep in mind we only have 5 maintenance workers and 38 miles of roads. The crew often works unbelievable hours with little rest. I have jumped in when we get short handed and operated a plow. The best thing residents can do to help is to stay off the roads until the plows have cleared the snow. When the temperatures are low and drivers constantly compact the snow nothing we have will remove it until it warms up. Even the old motor grader won't work as pushing the blade down just lifts the wheels off the ground.

AHPOA Snow Plowing Priorities

Main Travel Roads

Washington Drive
John Paul Jones Drive
Aquia Drive
Harpoon Drive
Farragut Drive
Titanic Drive
Cape Cod Drive
Stateroom Drive
Coast Guard Drive
Midshipman Drive and Circle

Critical Intersections

Washington Drive & John Paul Jones Drive
Cape Cod Drive & John Paul Jones Drive
Washington Drive & Aquia Drive
John Paul Jones Drive & Aquia Drive
Aquia Drive & Harpoon Drive
Columbus Drive & Harbour Drive (2)
Washington Drive & Route 1 & hill

Any intersection with a Stop Sign

Challenging Hills

Washington Drive (Blackbeard to Aquia)
Richmond Drive (1200 block)
Blackbeard Drive
Aquia Drive at Anchor Cove
Aquia Drive after Farragut Drive (2200 to 2222)
Titanic Drive from Aquia Drive to Lusitania Drive
Aquia Drive before and after Cutter Cove
Raft Cove
Wave Drive
Buoy Drive
Aquia Drive from Lusitania Drive to Cruiser Drive
Lighthouse Cove
Portugal Drive
Isabella Drive
Plymouth Drive
Columbus Drive and Columbus Cove
Merrimac Drive
Chesapeake Cove
Foresail Cove

All other Drives, Coves and Parking LotsThen do it again and clear snow piles