



Freedom Roads Policy

All residents are expected to comply with the Freedom Roads policy to ensure safety for residents and other travelers on town roads. Fines will be issued by the Public Works Director or the Selectboard for persistent violations.

The following applies to use of town roads:

- 1) Cars parked along town-maintained roads must be at least 5 feet from the roadside edge from May 1- October 30. Cars will be towed at the owner's expense after one warning from Freedom Public Works if the warning is not followed. The only exception to this is parking permitted under a special events permit.
- 2) Never park a vehicle or leave a trailer in a town turnaround. Doing so prevents the town plow trucks from doing their job, and also prevents the school bus from picking up students.
- 3) Obey signs pertaining to weight limits on town roads. Posting limits are subject to change depending on road and seasonal conditions.
- 4) Obey signs pertaining to ATV use on town roads during mud season.
- 5) Obey all traffic signs during summer construction season.

The following applies to winter road season (Nov. 1 - April 30):

- 1) **Slow down!** Winter driving is treacherous and excess speed can spell disaster.
- 2) When plows are out, slow down, move over and give them plenty of room and the right of way, especially on bridges.
- 3) **Do not** plow snow out of driveways and across the road. To do so is dangerous and a violation of Maine State law (29-A MRSA 2396).
- 4) If snow needs to be plowed out of driveways, plow to the right and along the snow bank in the same direction the plow travels.
- 5) **Do not** plow snow into the culvert openings at driveways or into cross culvert

openings that are servicing the road. If a culvert is plugged, run off water can damage the road and the driveway entrance. If you suspect or see a plugged culvert, call the Selectboard or Public Works Director.

- 6) After November 1 and until April 30 **do not park** vehicles in the road. Park in the driveway and be sure vehicles are at least 10 feet from the edge of the road, especially during storms. Any vehicle that obstructs a road during the normal operation of plowing snow by being parked too close to the road will be towed at the owner's expense.
- 7) **Do not** place rocks or other obstacles at the end of driveways or within 10 feet of the traveled surface of a road or a plow turnaround.
- 8) During major storms try to keep off the roads as much as possible. The less traffic our plow drivers encounter the better they can do their job.
- 9) If you have any questions, please call the Town Office or one of the Select Board members.

Private roads and lanes:

- 1) All homes on private roads and lanes must have house numbers easily visible for emergency vehicles. There should be no overhanging branches to interfere with the travel of emergency vehicles. This responsibility rests with the property owners on private roads and lanes.

Action	Date	Signatories
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