

Town of Freedom

Salt and Sand Public Use Policy

It is the intent of this policy to provide a source of mixed sand and salt for residential use for emergency traction. The Select Board recognizes that weather conditions occasionally result in extremely slippery conditions and that the availability of a small amount of sand and salt can greatly enhance our citizens' safety. This program provides the availability of the public to obtain without charge a limited amount of material.

This program is available only to **residents** of the Town of Freedom only, with limitations stated below.

The Freedom Board of Selectmen implement this policy as a public safety expenditure pursuant to 30-A MRS § 5722(1), general operation of the municipal government.

1. The Town has a sand storage building at the public works that is meant to store a limited amount of sand mixed with salt in an appropriate ratio to prevent freezing. The location of the storage of sand for citizen use is separate from that for municipal use. Access to the municipal salt and sand shed is restricted to Town employees and contractors who are authorized to be there. There will be signs to clearly state this.
2. Residents of the Town of Freedom may obtain no more than **two** 5-gallon pails of sand per storm. Residents are to provide their own container and the means to load the containers and transport them to the destination of use.
3. The Public Works Director is responsible for monitoring the sand supply and any abuses of the residents' privilege and shall report any abuses to the to the Board of Selectmen. The report shall include the date and time of the abuse, the vehicle description of the offender and a brief written description of the alleged abuse.
4. Residents found to be abusing the limitations shall be subject to a fine of \$100 per occurrence, payable to the Town of Freedom. The Select Board shall bill the accused offender, who may request a formal hearing before the Board of Select Board. If an abuse is found to be grossly offensive (i.e. a plowing company loading its sander hopper), the Selectmen reserve the right to charge the offender double the cost of the material and to file a theft complaint with the appropriate law enforcement agency. The Select Board may withdraw the privilege of access to sand for those who repeatedly abuse this program.
5. Any non-resident caught taking sand from the building will be charged with theft.
6. The Town of Freedom does not assume any responsibility for making sure the storage area has sand stockpiled.
7. Use of the public sand is at the user's own risk. The Town shall not be held liable for any damages or injuries incurred in the loading, transportation, or use of the material.