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Snow Plowing: The Town of Chichester begins plowing when the snow has accumulated 2 to 3 inches. After roads are clear, sanding and salting will begin.

Plow Routes: Each plow route is approximately 15 miles long and takes 3 to 4 hours to cover. This means if plowing started when there was 2 inches of snow on the road, by the time the vehicle finishes the route, 3 or 4 hours later, there is the potential for up to 6 inches of snow on the road again, at the start of the route. Therefore, during a heavy snowstorm, at times, there will be snow on the roads.

Freezing Rain Storms: It is important to note that salt or sand is less effective if applied before the rain stops. There is little the Chichester Highway Department can do during a winter freezing rainstorm. Salt and sand will be applied to the roads sparingly during the freezing rain and more aggressively as needed once the storm is over.

Clean Road: The Town of Chichester does not have a clean road policy, therefore it is possible that not all roads will be kept completely clear of snow and therefore caution is advised for winter driving. Salt will be used sparingly. The dirt roads will be sanded, but as long as there is ice under the sand, instant stops are impossible.

Mailboxes: The Town of Chichester does not replace damaged mailboxes. The Road Agent should be contacted for proper placement of mailboxes.

Trash Placement: The Town of Chichester participates in the BCEP Solid Waste Facility located in the Town of Pittsfield. The Town does not offer curbside pickup. Trash and trash receptacles should not be placed in the Town's right-of-way. The Town will not be responsible for damage to trash receptacles or trash cleanup as a result of it obstructing snow removal.

Parked Vehicles: No vehicle shall be parked on the Town's right-of-way, from the start of precipitation, until 48 hours after the storm ends. The Town reserves the right to tow parked vehicles at the owner's expense. The Town is not liable for damages incurred to vehicles parked in the Town's right-of-way. RSA 231:92-a

Sidewalks: The Town of Chichester does not maintain sidewalks as part of its ongoing winter maintenance activities, from October 15th through May 15th of each year.

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