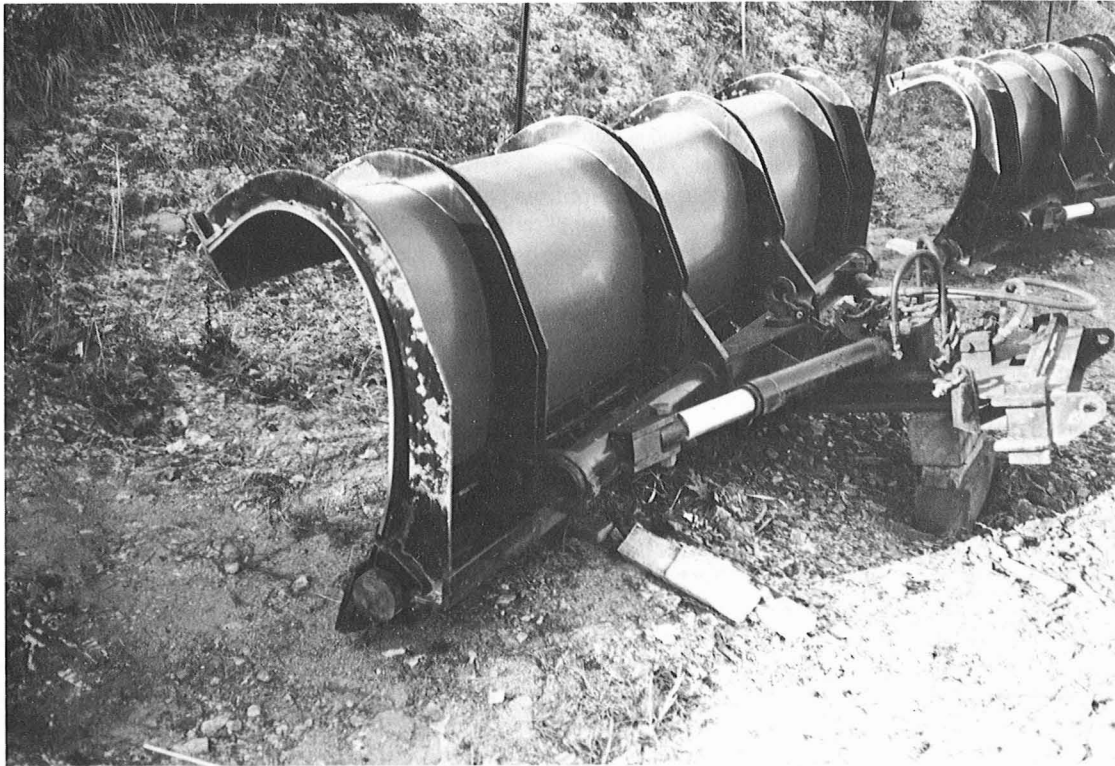


Did You Know?

Some Snow Plowing Tips From New Hampshire Towns



Above: The town of Merrimack is one of many New Hampshire towns now using polymer plows. Merrimack has been running these plows since 1984 and hasn't damaged one yet..

Polymer plows may be a real alternative to metal -- Many towns have discovered the durability and easy maintenance of the polymer plow. A polymer plow tends to be more forgiving when hitting fixed objects such as a catch basin or manhole. I'm told that the plows seem to deform and come back into shape after striking the object. Metal doesn't seem to do as well under these conditions. Additionally, snow doesn't stick to the polymer blade like it does on cold metal. Best of all, the polymer plow can't rust, hence, it requires no paint and is virtually maintenance free.

You can cut down on your plowing time -- use your one-ton to clean out intersections. The idea is to use the 6 or 10 wheeler snow plow to do the streets, and have a pickup or one-ton following behind to clean the intersections much faster. One town found that their snow plow route which took six hours with two large trucks, takes only four hours with a large truck and a one-ton.

Using a rock rake in late winter can be helpful -- In later part of winter use a rock rake to break up snow and hard packed ice. This allows the gravel roads to thaw out and dry earlier in the Spring (front mounted rakes seem to be much easier to use for this purpose than the rear or trailer mounted rakes).