

TOWN OF BOLTON
WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic and school bus routes first. After these routes are open and cleared, roads which are the most problematic for the public (traffic volume, steepness and curves) are plowed, with plowing continuing until all roads are open and cleared.
2. The town will enforce NO PARKING at all times on the traveled portion of all highways within the town's right-of-way, and in any school bus turnarounds. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
3. The town of Bolton has two and a half (two full time and one part time) highway personnel to do winter maintenance on 22 miles of road. Each road crew member has a specific route to complete. These routes are only varied in an emergency situation. Bolton is different from other towns in that the road mileage is not concentrated in a small area. Driving time needed to get to a specific section of road affects the completion time of the job.
4. The town does not plow any private roads or Class 4 Highways.
5. The town crew usually starts their day between 3 and 4 am during a snow storm to have major traffic and bus routes open and cleared by 7 am.
6. After 16 hours on the job, it is required that operations are stopped to allow the road crew to have a minimum of 6 hours off.
7. Salt will be applied to most paved roads with a minimum of sand added as necessary. Salt is not effective when the road temperature is below 20 degrees.
8. Sand will be applied on all gravel roads.
9. In most cases, there will be no road maintenance between 10 pm and 3 am.
10. According to VSA 23, Section 1126, it is illegal to plow snow from a private road or drive onto or across a town highway.

This policy was adopted by the Bolton Select Board on November 25, 2002.