

## **Snow Removal Reminders**

The Township of Oro-Medonte's Operations Department would like to share some important reminders regarding winter maintenance to keep our community safe and functioning well over the winter months.

**Parking prohibitions** are in force and effect from October 15- April 30 inclusively. Under By-law 2012-168 parking on a road in a manner which may interfere with winter maintenance is prohibited.

Township By-law 2008-159 and Section 181 of the *Highway Traffic Act* prohibits snow being pushed out onto the road. **Pushing snow** onto the roadway is against the law and creates a hazard.

If you have a **fire hydrant** bordering your property, we ask that you assist us by removing a 2-foot wide path of snow to and around the hydrant within 24-hours after the end of the snowfall.

Please do not place **garbage bags and/or containers, compost bins, or recycling bins**, on the shoulder of the road or on top of snow banks. Instead, please put them back at the culvert level in your driveway. This will help prevent them from filling in with snow or getting knocked over by snow from the plow.

We do appreciate the thought of putting up the **reflectors/markers**, however they need to remain on your property, and not on the Township roadside, which is typically 6-7 meters back from the edge of the pavement. The placement of reflectors/markers or anything else on the Township's road allowance is not allowed under the Township's Road Occupancy By-law. Items on the road allowance are subject to damage from the plows and will not be replaced.

It is residents like you that make Oro-Medonte the great community it is. **Keep an eye out for your neighbours**. If you see a neighbour that needs help with snow removal be a good neighbour and offer some assistance if you can. Karma goes a long way.

**Snow Forts/Sliding** - When the snow starts to accumulate please remind your children of the dangers of building snow forts in the roadside snow banks or sliding onto the street.

Please inspect your **mailbox** to ensure that it is in good condition to be able to withstand all the rigours of the snow season. The box itself must be well attached to the post and in good repair so it can withstand the pressure of snow coming off the wing, and the plow.

### **Winter Maintenance Work:**

- Snow removal takes time especially in heavy accumulation. If you see snow removal equipment, keep a safe distance. You may see them, but they may not see you. Remember it takes several turns to clean an intersection and visibility is limited, so please have patience and be cautious.
- Snow plows have limited control of the amount and direction of the snow coming off the blade.
- Driveways will have snow pushed back across the driveway while plowing the road. Do not push snow back into the roadway.
- Watch for the plow blade when passing snow plows. They may be obscured by snow and cleared debris.
- Do not travel beside a snow plow. They can shift sideways after hitting snow packs or drifts.
- Plows can create temporary white-out conditions with swirling snow. Safely pull to the side or slow down in these conditions.

Community safety is a shared responsibility, we thank you in advance for your assistance.

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