

# WINTER 2021

# NEWSLETTER



Village of Penn Yan Department of Public Works



## HOW THE PUBLIC CAN HELP

### BE PREPARED, BE AWARE, & BE PATIENT

There are several things the public can do to help the Village of Penn Yan Streets Department with snow and ice control efforts.

- Approach snowplow equipment with extreme caution. Be considerate of snowplow operators. Do not tailgate plow trucks or sanders.
- Keep sidewalks clear to protect others and maintain a walkable village - See page 2 for more information.
- To avoid hazards, do not put or blow snow in the roadway or shoulders of roadway while clearing your sidewalks and driveway.
- There is no street parking on any public highway within the Village of Penn Yan between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM during the period beginning November 1 and ending April 1 of each year.
- Remove all non-permanent seasonal items from within 10 feet of the edge of pavement.
- Do not keep trash receptacles curbside or within 10 feet of the road unless for pickup.
- Keep storm drains clear of brush, leaves, or snow. Storm drains provide routes for rain water and snow melt away from our roads and prevent flooding and potential ice conditions.

## Winter Safety

The Village of Penn Yan Streets Department's goal is to provide a transportation system that is passable and safe as much of the time as possible within the limitations of the environment, availability of equipment, material, and personnel resources. As a result of the limitations, it is recognized that there will be occasions when pavement and bridge surfaces will be slippery and/or snow and ice covered. During these times, drivers must recognize these conditions and operate their vehicle in a safe manner.

Priorities are established to provide the greatest benefit to the majority of traveling public. In determining priorities, consideration is given to traffic volume, road classification, terrain, emergency services, drift exposure and drainage problems.

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Thank you for your continued support of the Village of Penn Yan DPW.

# Sidewalk Snow/Ice Removal Maintenance Procedure **UPDATED 2021**

Sidewalks must be cleared after all snow events to maintain a safe and walkable Village. The Village would like to remind all property owners that they are responsible for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks on their property per section 174-1 of Village Municipal Code. If you do not own your property, check your rental or lease agreement to see what your sidewalk clearing responsibility is.

Snow/ice must be removed within 24 hours of a snow event ending. A snow event ending is defined when snow stops falling or a travel advisory is lifted. If snow is continuous, sidewalks should be cleared every 24 hours. If sidewalks are not cleared within this period, the Village will have the snow and/or ice removed at the property owner's expense. This will be a minimum charge of \$90.00 + an administration fee.

Clear sidewalks are a shared community responsibility and we appreciate your attention to this matter. Please do your part to ensure that our sidewalks are safe.

*-VILLAGE OF PENN YAN Department of Public Works*



## **HOMEOWNER HELPFUL TIPS**

- Prepare in advance for the snow season by obtaining the necessary equipment including a good snow shovel and ice melt/sand to help with traction
- If you are unable to shovel your sidewalks or are not in the area for winter, set up services with a local snow removal contractor or ask a neighbor for help.
- If you are able, be on the lookout for ways to help your neighbors clear sidewalks when they need it.
- Shovel often during snow events to prevent heavy snow accumulation that can make shoveling more difficult.