



Town of Belmont

Department of Public Works

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Peter J. Castanino
Director

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Dear Business Owner,

With the winter season upon us the Town of Belmont Department of Public Works (DPW) is interested in working cooperatively with business owners to minimize the negative effects of winter weather on the business community. The DPW recognizes that snow removal is a priority for both businesses and residents alike.

Spearheaded by our Highway Division, the DPW seeks to maximize the safe use of roadside parking spaces by plowing snow to the curb line wherever possible. In addition, we strive to plow the municipal parking lots at the same time as we plow the roads. Municipal parking lots are treated immediately after the storm with materials that minimize slippery conditions. The consolidation of Public Works services has allowed us to marshal additional Town equipment to consistently clear the snow where crosswalks meet the sidewalk, improving pedestrian access to all major business areas. At the same time, this DPW crew clears the busiest MBTA bus stops, improving the convenience and safety of residents that use public transportation. Of course, the DPW is always limited by our available resources and wide-ranging additional responsibilities.

Please remember that the town has a Commercial Snow Removal By-Law. This law requires business owners or business tenants to clear at least one-half the width of the sidewalk in front of commercial property within 12 hours after the snowfall ceases. I have attached a copy of this By-Law for your reference.

The Department of Public Works appreciates the opportunity to work with the business community to develop policies and practices that maximize the use of our resources for the benefit of the public. If you have any suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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