

City of New Berlin Snow Plowing Fact Sheet

How does the City determine when to plow?

The City of New Berlin determines the plowing operations based on a number of factors including total snowfall expected, duration of snow event, time of day, ice conditions, and ground and air temperatures. Generally, the City will bring in 5 drivers during the initial portion of a storm or for small winter storms to keep the main roads clear. During larger snow events, the City will call in all available personnel to plow each of the City's 23 plow routes. The City will make a first pass through local roads to keep the roads passable and will return later to clean the entire roadway. Cul-de-sacs are generally opened with one pass around the edge and then cleaned up fully after the storm. The City plows 630 lane miles of streets and 450 cul-de-sacs.

How should I be driving when near a snow plow?

Per Wisconsin State Statute 346.915, it is illegal to follow a snowplow closer than 200 feet. Do not attempt to pass any snow plow while they are performing plowing operations. As a general rule, give the snow plow plenty of space and expect them to make unexpected maneuvers such as backing or turning movements. Please remember that although our plow drivers are very experienced, visibility within these vehicles is severely limited due to the plow and the wing.

My mailbox or yard is damaged, now what?

You can report damage to a mailbox or your yard by contacting the Streets Department at 780-4609 or email us your information at streets@newberlin.org. Depending on your wish, the City will either replace a damaged mailbox with a standard metal box on wood post, or offer up to a \$50 reimbursement for the damage when given proper notification and backup. Any damage to lawn areas will be repaired in spring.



There are other municipalities or counties plowing my street, why?

The City of New Berlin has agreements in place with neighboring municipalities and Waukesha County to determine which roadways are maintained by whom. Portions or all of Janesville Road, Greenfield Avenue, 124th Street, Racine Avenue, National Avenue, Cleveland Avenue, Beloit Road, College Avenue, Lawnsdale Road and Moorland Road are plowed by other entities at this time.

Why does my driveway get plowed in?

Unfortunately, during plowing operations the snow from the roadway will get pushed to the side of the road and therefore does impact driveways. Although we make every effort to reduce the amount of snow in driveways, we know that this is an unfortunate side effect of plowing operations. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove any snow from within their own driveway after plowing operations are concluded. In order to minimize "second shovel" push the snow at the end of your driveway in the direction of travel to avoid the plow pushing it back into your driveway.

I want to be a snow plow driver, how do I apply?

The City of New Berlin expects to hire 3 or 4 snow plow drivers in 2020. We call all snow plow drivers "Patrolworkers" and they not only plow snow, but assist with repairing and maintaining the City's roadways, ditches, storm sewers, trees and other infrastructure. Please keep an eye out for our job postings for Patrolworkers on our City's website.

