

TOWN OF CHAPLIN, CT
SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

Section 1: Title.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Town of Chaplin “Snow Removal Ordinance.”

Section 2: Legislative Authority.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Sections 7-148(c)(7)(H)(xii) and (xiii), 7-148 (c) (10)(A), and 7-152c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 3: Intent.

This Ordinance is designed to promote public safety and cooperation during and after snowfalls in the Town to better ensure public safety on and alongside public roadways, and peace, harmony, and cooperation among residents, visitors and the officials, agents and employees of the Town of Chaplin. It is intended to prevent putting and leaving snow in the roadway as it can damage the roadway causing costly repairs and may create serious public safety problems.

Section 4: Removing Snow from Driveways.

While plowing town roads Department of Public Works (DPW) drivers must push snow back as far as they can. This practice can occasionally and often unavoidably deposit large quantities of snow onto the driveway apron. Residents should try to minimize the snow on their driveway apron by piling shoveled snow to the right as they face the street so the shoveled snow will be carried down the street and not pushed back into the driveway. When clearing snow, residents and landscapers cannot push the snow across the street and deposit it in front of the neighbor’s house onto the right of way, or the dooryard or other real property of the neighbor without the neighbor’s permission.

Section 5: Mailboxes.

In order to provide a fair and uniform resolution to disputes involving mailboxes damaged by any town snowplow and/or snowplow contracted by the Town, the Chaplin Board of Selectmen established the following policy concerning repair/replacement of mailboxes, as determined by a Town agent or employee.

- A. Mailboxes must be securely fastened to a sturdy post which is sufficiently anchored in the ground to resist the impact of plowed snow.
- B. In accordance with current postal guidelines, the mailbox should be at least nine (9) inches from the curb or edge of pavement to prevent contact by the snowplow itself. The height of the bottom of the mailbox should be between 42" and 48" from the road surface.

- C. If it is determined a mailbox was struck by a town snowplow, the town will reimburse the owner \$25 for the post and \$15 for the box. The town will not repair or replace any mailbox.

No mailbox or post will be considered for damage reimbursement if the post shows dry rot or is otherwise unstable.

The town will reimburse the owner for damage to the mailbox and/or post only when the Town's snowplow is found to have made direct contact with the mailbox, not when the box is knocked over by snow or slush that is pushed by the plow.

Section 6: Sand.

Sand/salt mix is available for residents to use on their sidewalks and driveways. It can be picked up at the Department of Public Works / Transfer Station at 456 Phoenixville Road 24 hours a day.

It is recommended that sand/salt mix be used in an environmentally responsible manner with the minimal volume applied to receive acceptable traction and melting results.

Section 7: Violations.

No person shall lay, throw, blow, place or plow or cause to be laid, thrown, blown, placed or plowed on or into any public road or way any snow or ice from any private property, public or private sidewalk or public right-of-way. If, in the removal of snow or ice from any such property, sidewalk or way, it is necessary to temporarily place snow or ice on any public street or way, such snow or ice shall immediately be **COMPLETELY removed** forthwith from the public street or way by and at the expense of the person causing such deposit as soon as possible and without unreasonable delay under the circumstances, as determined by a Town agent or employee.

Section 8: Written Warning.

For any first offense against the requirements of Section 7 of this Ordinance, pursuant to Section 7-148 (c) (10)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the violator shall receive a written warning providing notice of the specific violation of Section 7 and stating that any subsequent violation of Section 7 shall cause the repeat offender to receive a citation from a designated municipal officer or employee carrying a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Section 9: Citation and Fine.

Anyone who has violated Section 7 after receiving a Section 8 written warning will be cited by an authorized Town officer or employee for **a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00)**. Any third violation of section 7 will result in a citation and fine of **one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)**. For any fourth or subsequent violation, the multiple repeat violator of Section 7 of this Ordinance will receive a citation issued by a designated Town officer or employee carrying a fine of **two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)**.

Section 10: Appeal.

Any such fine or penalty may be appealed and enforced pursuant to the **Town of Chaplin Hearing Procedure for Citations Ordinance** authorized by Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-152c.

This Ordinance shall become effective 15 days after publication in a newspaper circulated in the town.