

Town of Irondequoit Sidewalk Snow Plowing

General Guidelines the Town of Irondequoit follows:

The Town begins plowing sidewalks once new snowfall exceeds three (3) inches.

The Town plows the sidewalks on main routes and school routes first. Then, the secondary side street routes are plowed.

Sidewalks on both sides of the street are plowed on many main and school routes. Generally, most sidewalks that are plowed are only plowed on one side of the street. The side that is plowed is alternated each year. There are also many side street sidewalks are not plowed.

There are some exceptions to the alternating side of the street where sidewalks are plowed depending on locations and surrounding streets. These few variations improve safety, flow and increase efficiencies.

Color coded sidewalk route maps are posted on the website. The color coding is to differentiate between the types of plow routes. Red corresponds with main and school routes. Blue corresponds with secondary side street sidewalk plowing routes.

Each sidewalk plow run takes approximately five (5) to eight (8) hours to complete. The completion time varies from storm to storm due to the amount of snow, type of snow such as wet/heavy or light/fluffy, continual snow over a multitude of days or just a few hours and whether the blower or plow attachment is used. The blower or plow attachment use is dependent on the type of storm and weather conditions present at the time.

Depending on the severity of a storm, sidewalk snow plowing general rules must sometimes be altered to meet the needs of the situation.

Sidewalk plowing usually begins in the early or very early morning when pedestrian traffic is lowest, but this schedule is modified to respond to actual storm conditions.

The only sidewalk crossing areas that are salted are where school crossing guards are located.

The Town of Irondequoit tries its best to keep all crossing areas open, but sometimes it can be difficult due to multiple passes of the large plow trucks especially during heavy or long periods of snow.

Pedestrians should be aware of changing sidewalk conditions and wear appropriate clothing such as clothing that is visible to vehicular traffic and boots with good traction.