



Town Manager's Office

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To: Residents and Local Businesses of Bridgewater

From: The Town Manager's Office in cooperation with the Highway Department

Re: POLICIES AND REGULATIONS THAT AFFECT PUBLIC WAYS

**OVERNIGHT PARKING REGULATION/ENFORCEMENT**

There is an all-night on-street parking ban in effect between the hours of 2 AM and 5 AM from December 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Vehicles parked on the street or sidewalk will be ticketed by the Police Department. During sanding and snow plowing operations, they will be towed at the owner's expense, regardless of time of day.

**DO NOT PLACE SNOW IN PUBLIC WAYS**

It is illegal to remove snow or ice from private property and place it in the roadway or sidewalk. This can create a hazardous situation where the business or homeowner may be held liable in the event of an accident.

**DO NOT PUMP WATER INTO PUBLIC WAYS**

It is illegal to pump water or other liquids onto any sidewalk, street, or public way during the months of November through April.

**DO NOT PLACE LEAVES/YARD REFUSE IN PUBLIC WAYS**

Residents and businesses should not rake leaves from their private property into the roadway or sidewalk. The Highway Department will pick up leaves that fall on the roadside only. We will not pick up leaves that have been raked from private property to the roadside. Leaves that are raked onto the roadway can clog the street drainage catch basins and cause flooding problems. This creates an extremely dangerous condition for which residents and businesses may be held liable.

**PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE PUBLIC WAY IS HAZARDOUS TO EQUIPMENT & PERSONNEL**

Please remove any personal items that are left in the public way, sidewalk, at the end of your driveway, or extend into the public way when mounted on trees or utility poles, including but not limited to: trash cans, signage, potted plants, hanging baskets, portable hoops, skateboard ramps and hockey nets, equipment, or signage that might interfere with sanding and plowing activities of public ways and sidewalks. These items can cause significant damage to plow vehicles and put equipment operators in danger of personal injury.

**Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please call the Highway Department at 508-697-0931.**

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