


Chelan County Snow Season Safety

The snowy season is upon us!

We contacted Chelan County regarding snow removal. <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/public-works/pages/road-maintenance>

1. Per the County, Bennett Road is a PRIMARY road and will be plowed as priority.
2. Manzanita Drive is a COUNTY RD and will be plowed as resources allow. Typically, early in the morning and by a smaller truck. Many of you may have seen this activity already this season...
3. The 3 streets named after apples; Honeycrisp, Jonagold and Pippin lanes share the responsibility for safe access for essential services and emergency vehicles to access their property.
4. For you, your family and the general community's safety (Deliveries) it is recommended that you keep your driveway and sidewalk cleared of heavy snow and ice buildup.
5. Help the county plows by retrieving any trash cans and by not leaving vehicles parked in the street – these obstacles hinder their ability to effectively provide snow removal services to our community.



'Snow Wrinkles'

When a County snowplow clears a roadway, private driveways may be blocked by the snow pushed aside by the snowplow. The snow left behind is often called a "wrinkle." It is County policy not to clear or unblock private driveways; citizens should be prepared to clear the wrinkle between their driveways and a County road. Private services for hire also are available in most communities for such purposes.

Snow Damage

Mailboxes, cars, fruit trees, fences or anything that's parked, planted or left near the County right-of-way can sustain damage during the winter snow plowing season. Chelan County is not responsible for damages that occur when something is hit by snow. Damage caused through direct contact with snow removal equipment may be the responsibility of the County. The County encourages property owners to look into "swinging" or "snowplow resistant" mailboxes, which

are less likely to be damaged when hit with snow from a working plow.

Stranded Vehicles

The County does not remove vehicles stuck or stranded in the roadway during extreme weather. Not only does stopping to remove stranded vehicles delay snow plowing efforts but County snowplows and equipment also are not equipped to tow other vehicles safely. Drivers should call RiverCom, the County's emergency dispatch center, at 509-663-9911. Or, in an emergency, call 911.

Don't Shovel Snow into the Roadway

Don't shovel or plow your snow into the county right-of-way. It can be a hazard for motorists and snowplow drivers. It also violates County Code. (*Chelan County Code Section 8.45.070*) Instead, help out snowplow drivers by keeping the road free of obstructions, which also includes cars and garbage cans.

Sidewalks & Fire Hydrants

If you own commercial property that's adjacent to a sidewalk, it's your responsibility to clear the sidewalk after a snowfall. County Code requires sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours of snow or ice falling or accumulating.

Keeping fire hydrants clear of snow and ice is not the responsibility of County crews. If you have concerns about a fire hydrant, contact your local fire district. Or, better yet, take the time to clear a hydrant in case an emergency should strike.

Keep Children Safe

Remind children never to build snow forts near the street. Snowplow drivers cannot see children who may be playing in a fort or hiding in a snow bank. And don't let your children near an oncoming snowplow. While it might look like fun to be covered in the cascading snow, rocks and other debris in the snow may injure a by-stander.

Alerts for Chelan County:

<https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/?regionid=1184>

Snow removal resources:

Sam Arnott – [425-760-2142](tel:425-760-2142), email: samarnott.business@yahoo.com

Monarca's Landscaping – [310-654-9986](tel:310-654-9986)

Tony's Landscaping – [509-393-3962](tel:509-393-3962)