

Grounds Report

Homeowners please take a few moments of your time to familiarize yourself with the terms of our contract with Suburban Services for snow removal. This may reduce the phone calls asking when or how they will remove any snow accumulation.

Snow Removal Contract Specifications provided by Birnamwood Grounds Committee

Snowplowing of driveways and parking areas to be completed within the following standards.

I. SNOW PLOWING

A. Open Up: During periods of continuing snowfalls of four (4) inches or more, an “open up” plowing of private streets and parking areas will be completed prior to 6:00 am and/or 4:00 pm to allow for access to and from residential parking areas during periods of continuing snowfalls.

B. Plowing: After the complete cessation of snowfalls of two (2) inches or more, a “full width” plowing of private streets, driveways and parking areas will be completed. This is to be completed within twelve (12) hours after the complete cessation of snowfall.

C. Clean Up: A “curb to curb” clean-up will be performed, if need, after the initial plowing to clean up remaining snow due to parked cars, etc. This service will be performed once after a plowable snowfall. Clean up does not include areas occupied by vehicles or obstacles. It is advised the “property” schedule the clean up after arrangements have been made to have vehicles removed from parking areas to ensure a proper clean up.

D. Staking: Prior to snow season; private streets, driveways and parking areas will be staked in order to minimize damage to lawns until snow banks are established.

E. Other: Plowing services will be provided during periods of no snowfall, thawing, or drifting has occurred or to remove snow accumulations cause by successive snowfalls of less than two (2) inches. For snowfalls exceeding eight (8) inches, plowing services will be completed within eighteen (18) hours after the cessation of snowfall. A “clean-up” will be completed three (3) times a season on an on-call basis following successive snowfalls of less than two (2) inches. A “touch up” will be completed three (3) times a season on an on-call basis during periods of no snowfall or periods of thaw. The Grounds Maintenance chairperson will have the responsibility of determining and ordering an on-call work. Snow is not to be stored in dead-end cul de sacs or guest parking areas, but must be plowed to the nearest disposal site.

II. SNOW SHOVELING

A. Shoveling of walks, garage aprons, mailboxes and fire hydrants will be completed within 18 hours after the complete cessation of snowfalls of two (2) inches or more. Walks are defined as a path, sidewalk width, running from the front door of the home.

B. For snowfalls exceeding ten (10) inches, shoveling will be completed on the “best effort” basis.

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Holiday Trees and Wreaths

Your natural holiday trees and wreaths can be recycled only if they do not contain any wire. Place them by the number sign posts on the ring road before January 15th for pick-up. Anything with wire must go in your garbage for pickup.

Deck Shoveling

If you shovel your deck (the one over the garage) onto the driveway before the driveway is completely cleared, it will be removed by the contractor in the “clean-up” process. If you create a huge pile of snow by shoveling your deck after the cleanup stage, it is your responsibility to remove the pile of snow.

If the homeowner does not remove the snow, the Grounds committee must contact the contractor to plow again; therefore, the homeowner will be charged the cost which is \$95.00 per hour.

The contractor’s workers are available for hire to shovel at \$55.00 per hour. Our decks in Birnamwood are constructed to hold the average winter snowfalls.

Ice Conditions

When ice and slippery conditions occur or develop on sidewalks and steps, it is not a policy to sand all walks because the sand tracks into the houses. If you have a bad area in front of your house or back entryway, the Association will keep some ice-melt and sand stored in containers by the maintenance garage #193 for use by the homeowners, you will need to provide your own container. If you are unable to do the application yourself, call the Grounds committee contact, Gary Streich (952.890.9132) or Bill Schoessow (952.500.0595) to arrange for some help.

In the event of a bad ice storm, we will have the Grounds contractor make a general application. Driveways and sidewalks will be sanded by the Grounds contractor. If you have a complaint or comment on the condition of Birnamwood drive (the ring road), call the City of Burnsville Street Maintenance Department at 952.895.4550.