

Snow Removal Process on VDOT Streets

Cascades Community is comprised of streets that are either maintained by the Association or Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), depending on the street's location. The list of VDOT and private streets is available on Cascadesva.com in the "Snow" section of the Resource Center.

It is important to note that streets maintained by the Association cannot be plowed by VDOT and vice versa. Here are five FAQs regarding snow clearing on a VDOT street:

1. When will roads be cleared?

VDOT's goal is to make all state-maintained roads passable within 48 hours after a winter storm ends. Northern Virginia residents can check the plowing status of their neighborhoods at <http://www.vdotplows.org>.

2. How does VDOT decide which roads to clear first?

VDOT follows a very specific plan with each winter storm. Its road-clearing priorities are:

- Interstates and most primary roads
- Snow emergency routes and heavily trafficked roads
- Other secondary roads and residential streets

3. Who is responsible for clearing my sidewalk?

Residents must clear their own sidewalks.

4. Why do plows leave snow in my driveway?

With heavy snow, plowing can cause snow to accumulate in roadside gutters and on road shoulders — sometimes even blocking driveways. When this occurs, VDOT asks that you shovel snow to the right of your driveway as you face the road. This is to prevent snow from piling up again if your road is replowed.

5. Where should I park if I can't park in my driveway?

If you cannot park in your driveway, try to park on the ODD numbered side of the street. While that may mean you are parking in front of someone else's house, it will better allow drivers to plow a 10 foot wide (or wider) lane. A plow needs 8 feet of width to make a pass, so if it cannot safely get down a street because of cars on both sides, the driver may skip that street until it becomes safe enough to pass through.

For more information relating to VDOT's snow removal efforts please visit:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/snow.aspVDOT>