

## **WINTER TIPS – 2010-2011**

The Town Highway Department wants to provide the best possible service clearing our streets of snow and ice. Here are a few tips to help our crew do their job:

- Don't drive unnecessarily in a storm, especially during severe snowstorms and freezing rains.
- If a storm is anticipated, remove vehicles from the roadside shoulders.
- Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This can cause a serious traffic hazard. Also, it is a violation of town by-law.
- Do not place rubbish or recycling bins in the street during snow storms. They will interfere with snowplowing.
- Vehicles that interfere with removing of ice and snow from any public way of the town are subject to a fine and the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Help reduce the possibility of a broken mailbox post. Plow operators are urged to take precautions to avoid hitting mailbox posts; however, experience has shown that reduced visibility during a storm makes it difficult for a driver to see a mailbox post in time to avoid striking it or pushing it over with plowed snow. Any installation within the right-of-way, including a mailbox, is placed there at the owner's risk. Therefore, owners are encouraged to install mailboxes at the maximum usable distance from the edge of roadway. Posts should also be checked for deterioration to reduce the possibility that the weight of the plowed snow may simply break the post.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sand for residential use is available at the Highway Garage located to the right side of the entrance gate at 131 Oak Street.