

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of St. Germain, Vilas County

Code of Ordinances
Chapter 29: Town Procedures
(Amended November 15, 2023)

29.19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: (Adopted 07/10/2023)

(A) Winter Road Maintenance:

- (1) The Public Works Department, under supervision of the Town Board, has the authority and responsibility for all decisions regarding when and how town roads will be maintained. The objective regarding winter road maintenance is to provide safe driving conditions to the extent practical for vehicles properly maintained for winter driving. It is not practical from a budgetary standpoint or with consideration of equipment capability to maintain roads free of snow and ice.
- (2) Only town roads and other public facilities within the town will be maintained for winter driving. Private roads, private driveways and private parking areas are not the responsibility of the Town to maintain.
- (3) Snow and ice control: The following are general guidelines subject to deviation at the discretion of the Public Works Department Superintendent:
 - (a) Mondays through Fridays (excluding holidays): Public Works will plow when two or more inches of snow have accumulated. Start time and order in which roads are plowed is at the discretion of Public Works.
 - (b) Holidays or weekends: Public Works will plow when four or more inches of snow have accumulated. Start time and order in which roads are plowed is at the discretion of Public Works.

Sanding, widening, and snowbank removal will be done as needed with traffic safety being the primary focus. Additionally, the Public Works will respond as needed to emergency conditions upon request by Vilas County Law Enforcement or the Town of St. Germain Fire Chief. Response to these requests may result in actions beyond what are normally performed by Public Works.
- (4) Mailbox damage: The Town is not responsible for repair or replacement if snow discharged from the plow dislodges or damages a mailbox or post. However, If Town plowing equipment physically contacts the mailbox or post, Public Works will repair or replace the mailbox and/or post.