

Snow Plowing Q & A

The CRE Metro District Rules & Regulations is the governing document

What triggers the plowing of our community roads?

If the average snow accumulation depth on the roads exceeds about 3 inches, our plowing contractor will coordinate with the district to plow the roads. *Occasionally we will forgo plowing if we barely hit 3 inches, and the sun is forecast to quickly melt the snow with no expectation of freezing roads.*

When does the mailbox area get shoveled?

The shoveling trigger for the mailbox area is 2 inches of accumulation. Unfortunately, experience has shown that this shoveling typically only occurs if the roads exceed 3 inches causing the contractor to come on site. Therefore, we have provided a 'Good Samaritan' snow shovel between the mailboxes with the hope that residents will help by shoveling the area when prudent.

Who pays for our snow plowing service?

The CRE residents pay for this service via property taxes received by the CRE Metro District.

How much does our snow plowing cost?

The average plowing event costs about \$500 while deep snowfalls can exceed \$3,000 to clear up. We currently budget \$12,000 annually for snow removal and obviously this expense varies based upon the weather.

Are they allowed to pile snow up on to the road easements?

While the plow drivers will use caution, they may at times need to push snow up on the easements in front of your home. The space limited cul-de-sacs tend to see this the most.

Why does the exit gate area get so slick?

Anyone who has experienced a winter in CRE knows how slick the last 50 feet of road gets leading up to our exit gate. Although it was not intentionally designed to be such a problem, the design is a significant factor. There are two 4-foot diameter culverts crossing under that section of road, making it a 'concealed bridge'. It's downhill, so water drains to the area and it's on the north side of the portico, so it remains well shaded and freezes quickly. If this was not enough, to add excitement to their engineering blunder they placed a heavy metal gate directly in your path. So, during freezing conditions, please slow down well in advance of the gate and then STOP about 25 feet prior and wait there until the gate opens before proceeding. If the area is slick, please help your neighbors and spread some of the snow melt located in the container on the center island.

Who can I hire to plow my driveway?

A search of the web should provide several snow plowing options for hire. It's recommended to set up such agreements in advance of each winter season.