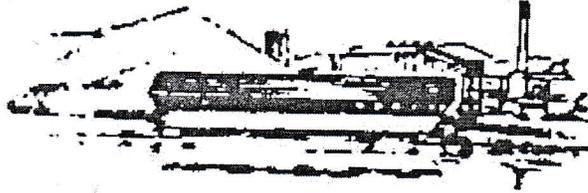


# Town of Northumberland

10 Station Square, Groveton, NH 03582



## *Policy Statement: Access to Municipal Sand*

It is the policy of the Town of Northumberland that all operating businesses and residents should have access to the municipal sand supply within reasonable limits. Some limits must be established to ensure: 1) that town government has an adequate supply to fulfill its primary obligations of snow (ice) clearance / removal / remediation and providing for public safety on municipal roadways, and 2) that all businesses and residents have equal access to the salt and sand supply -- both in terms of availability and quantity of sand. For these reasons, the Board of Selectmen has established the following parameters for access to the municipal and sand supply:

All operating businesses and residents shall be provided access to municipal sand for the purpose of snow and ice remediation for their place of business or primary residence, if that business or residence lies within the corporate limits of the Town of Northumberland.

Provision of sand shall be in a reasonable quantity to care for an entryway, walkway and a driveway of reasonable length, and should not exceed an amount equal to eight 5-gallon buckets on any given trip. (This amounts to approximately 6 cubic feet of sand, which can be visualized as a "pile" six inches deep on a four foot by three foot piece of plywood, should a resident choose to load sand directly into a pick-up truck.) The number of trips a business or resident can make shall be limited to one per storm event, except in the case of severe icing, to be determined by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation by the highway agent or public works director.

Sand is available during operating hours of the town garage as well as on Saturdays when the transfer station is open. The gate can be open to allow access. Sand is also available during off-hours, noting that residents will now need to carry individual buckets of sand to their vehicle parked beyond the gate.

The municipal supply of sand should not be utilized in lieu of a contract service with regard to a business or residence. In those instances where a business or residence has a parking lot for customers / employees or a driveway of inordinate length, the Town believes it is the responsibility of the business or resident to secure the services of a contractor for the provision of snow and ice remediation services.

The municipal supply of sand should not be utilized for the conduct of a private enterprise. Any business which provides snow and ice remediation services to its customers is responsible for securing their supply of sand from a commercial supplier. It is a cost of doing business which shall not be borne by all taxpayers, even though their service may be provided to individual taxpayer(s).

The Town of Northumberland reserves the right to temporarily restrict access to the sand supply in those instances where climatic conditions and / or available supply would conspire to impair the adequate and proper fulfillment of municipal obligations. There is no access to the municipal salt supply at any time.

*This amended "Policy Statement" is adopted by the Northumberland Board of Selectmen effective this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012:*