

Governors Run Homeowner Association (GRHOA) Snow and Ice Removal

When temperatures plummet and the snow starts to fall, questions often arise regarding snow and ice removal. Below are answers to important questions,

Who is in charge of removing snow along the street?

Public streets and sidewalks in Governors Run are owned by Howard County. The streets are plowed by the County. If there are issues with the snow removal or you notice they are not coming through in a timely fashion, then please call and let them know. The more calls they receive, the sooner they will come and clear the street. Contact the Citizen Information Hotline at 410-313-2900.

You can view live Howard County Snow Tracker information by visiting: HoCoSnowPlowTracker.org.

During a snow or ice storm, the County prioritizes treatment by the volume of traffic each road normally carries. The County's goal, for a typical 6-12" snowfall, is to have all County roadways cleared within 12 to 18 hours after the storm ends.

Is the HOA expected to remove the snow on common ground areas?

Because there can be a delay of days or weeks before the County removes snow from school bus locations the GRHOA as agreed to pay for its landscape contractor to remove snow from the designated school bus stop location:

- Intersection of Governors Run and Governor Ridgely for the Governors Run community

Note that there is no location at the Courtyards community because all the bus stops are on private properties.

The snow removal is meant to allow children to safely transfer to/from school buses. It will only occur when school is planned and when a minimum amount of snow falls.

Despite the GRHOA's best efforts to keep the specific common areas reasonably free of snow and ice, they do not guarantee protection against snow and ice hazards. Homeowners and their families should always proceed cautiously when dangerous road and street conditions are present.

What is your responsibility?

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove all snow and ice from any walkway adjoining any part of their property within 48 hours after the snowfall has ceased. That will make our community an easier and safer place to walk after snow.

Good Practices

- When a snow storm has been predicted, especially overnight, the county snow plows will more likely be working during the early morning hours. The best way to ensure that the plowing crews can clear the streets better and faster is to park in driveways.
- Clear snow away from mailboxes such the mail delivery van is able to insert your mail without exiting the van.