

SNOW REMOVAL AT WEATHERSFIELD

Weathersfield Service Group (WSG) does not provide for snow removal on streets, parking lots or sidewalks within the community.

WSG does not have a contract with a company to plow Weathersfield streets and parking lots because the value gained to residents is relatively low and the cost is high. Contracts with snow removal companies typically state that the areas covered by the agreement will be treated and plowed when there are two or more inches of snow or treated when there has been 1/4 inch of ice. A homeowners association can't decline to have a treatment performed when one of these conditions is met, even if the association believes the snow will melt within a day or two. It is very difficult to find someone to plow a site within a few days after the event without an existing contract. WSG's management company has learned contractors would charge \$4000 to \$6000 per event to have Weathersfield cleared.

Also, there is limited value in clearing parking lots if the roads within Weathersfield are still snow covered. Weathersfield, Swim & Croquet, and Woodbury are state roads. It's unlikely the state will plow Weathersfield before several days have passed, based on past years' experience. The state's priority is larger roads first, secondary roads second, and within this group of secondary roads, communities like Ferrington are normally roads they get to last. The state has to clear close to 90,000 miles of roads. They don't invest a lot of money in road clearance, as it's normally a once or twice a year event.

In addition, only state approved contractors are allowed to clear state roads. There are fines associated with a community doing it on its own. There is a shortage of approved contractors, and if we did find someone who would be qualified and contracted with them, they would likely do state work first, but we would still have to pay them even if they were late clearing our roads.

Finally, WSG does not contract for snow removal from sidewalks. Residents may, if they wish and at their own risk, shovel snow off of sidewalks within their close.