



Village of Chenequa

December 2023 Newsletter

Happy Holidays!

Please be sure to fill out the 2024 Snow Plow Agreement and 2024 Dog License Application.

Tax bills are being mailed this week. If you need your tax bill prior to receiving them in the mail, you can get a copy at Waukesha County's website. <https://tax.waukeshacounty.gov>



December is the time of year to reflect on the blessings of the past and to look forward to all the new opportunities a new year offers.

On behalf of the Village of Chenequa, I would like to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation for all the wonderful residents the Village provides services for. You truly are what makes the Village of Chenequa a special place to be, and we all feel blessed to be part of such a unique opportunity. THANK YOU!

Plow Markers and Driveway Clearance



Before heavy frost sets in the ground, we recommend that if you have not done so already, please take some time to properly mark your driveway boundaries. Inadequate marking makes it difficult for our Highway/ Forestry Department to determine where the driveway boundaries are. As a result, extensive turf damage and large missed areas are likely.

If you find that the soil is frozen, we recommend using a large screwdriver and a hammer to make a "pilot hole" in the soil first.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cody Lincoln and Cody Hagfors

John's Disposal Holiday Schedule: Delayed by one day.

Village of Chenequa's Holiday Hours



December 25, 2023 – Closed

December 29, 2023 – 8am – 3pm

January 1, 2024 – Closed

We will resume normal business hours on January 2, 2024.

2023 / 2024 Dog Licenses and Snow Plow



The time of year has come where we say, "Out with the old, in with the new."

Your Snow Plow agreement for 2023 officially expires on December 31, 2023. Therefore, if you would like to continue with the Snow Plow services, please have your agreement initialed and signed and your payment of \$100 into the Village by December 29, 2023.

Dog licenses are to be renewed annually. Please submit your license application, proof of rabies and payment prior to March 31st or a \$5.00 late fee will be charged.

House Checks – If you are a Snow Bird and you come home or are letting others use your home, please call the Police Department and let us know so we don't surprise you when we are doing our House Checks. Thank you!

Wishing you all the blessings of peace, love, and joy at Christmas.

Cheers to 2024!!

Village of Chenequa Snow Plow Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the Village of Chenequa's snow plowing responsibilities?

The Village of Chenequa Highway/Forestry Department provides snow plowing services for:

- Nearly 200 private driveways and several more shared driveways.
- 23 Private/public roads.
- 2 Public boat launches.
- 2 Public parking lots for the Village Hall and Highway/Forestry Building.

2. How much snow accumulation is needed for driveways to be plowed?

- As a general rule of thumb, all *driveways* will be plowed any time there is 2" or more snow accumulation. *Exceptionally steep driveways* will be plowed even if there is less than 2" of snow accumulation to facilitate reasonable vehicle access. Public and private *roads* are plowed any time there is any measurable snow or ice accumulation.

3. How soon after a snowfall does plowing begin?

- Plowing of private driveways will begin *immediately after snowfall subsides*. While the snow is still falling, we prioritize keeping public and private *roads* open and navigable. As time allows, we will also try to make passes through especially steep driveways during a snowstorm as a courtesy in an attempt to maintain vehicle access to the home.

4. How long does plowing take to complete?

- Once the snowfall subsides, it generally takes *up to 8 hours* to complete the plowing of private driveways.

5. Do you salt private driveways?

- We only salt *steep hills* on private driveways. On private roads and shared driveways, we will salt *hills, curves, and intersections*. Homeowners may request that we do not salt their driveway, in which case we will try to accommodate as long as it is safe for us to do so. We do everything we can to limit the amount of salt used while still allowing safe vehicle passage. Limiting salt usage is crucial for both fiscal and environmental responsibility.

6. Do you shovel private driveways/sidewalks?

- The Village does not offer any shoveling services for private residences.

7. Will you plow access to accessory structures?

- The primary purpose of our plow service is to allow homeowners and emergency vehicles *safe access to primary dwellings* throughout the winter. We do not offer plow services for accessory structures.

8. Will you plow driveways of homes under construction?

- We are unable to offer plow services for homes under construction due to increased construction traffic, parked vehicles, unpredictable driveway conditions, and construction debris often left in/near the driveway. Generally, once a home is granted occupancy by the building inspector, plow services can begin.

9. What should I do as a homeowner to prepare my driveway for winter?

Before the first snowfall, all homeowners should:

- Clearly mark out their driveway with plow markers.
- Make sure the driveway is clear of overgrown brush or other objects near the driveway edges.
- Ensure there are a few open areas for us to pile the snow as it accumulates throughout the winter.

10. What can I do as a homeowner during a snowstorm to help ensure the best snow removal?

During a snowstorm, we are able to do a much better job of snow plowing your driveway if:

- All vehicles are cleared from the areas you want to have plowed.
- Snow is shoveled away from structures, towards the center of the driveway before plows arrive.
- Pets and children should be kept indoors when plow trucks start and through the duration of the snow plowing process.