

**ROUND HILL GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER  
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**Why are there different colored paints all over the roads throughout the District?**

As mentioned in the September 2009 Newsletter, RHGID recently awarded an Engineering contract to R.O. Anderson for the development of a Comprehensive Road Maintenance Plan. The plan will include analyzing the District's current road conditions, development of a data base of existing conditions, updating the District's current pavement maintenance software and prioritization of future road rehabilitation activities. The first phase of this project is to analyze the current road conditions and develop plans of the District's infrastructure. Data collection for this first phase is underway and includes aerial photography. To enhance the visibility of the District's infrastructure (manholes, water valves, drain inlets, etc.), the District painted the structures prior to the flight of the plane taking the photos. So, the paint you see on the roads is part of the road rehabilitation project data collection process.

**Defensible Space**

The District recently completed a project to improve the defensible space at our office facility. Trees and ground cover were removed as part of this project. The trees that were removed have been cut into fire wood. This fire wood is available to be picked up at the District offices for our customer's use. If you would like to remove some of this wood, please call us at the District (588-2571) to arrange a time so we can ensure there are no other activities taking place at the office that would impede your access to the wood. Removal of the wood needs to be done during business hours; 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and is available on a first come, first served basis.

**SNOW REMOVAL BULLETIN**  
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Round Hill G.I.D. is responsible for snow removal on public streets within the District's boundaries. The snow removal goal of RHGID is to provide safe, drivable roadways at all times during typical winter driving conditions.

**Procedures:**

- Snow plowing generally begins when three (3) inches of snow have accumulated on roadway surfaces, as determined by RHGID employees.
- Snow removal equipment operators follow a pre-established, set pattern to plow the streets.
- Designated main thoroughfares and school bus routes are plowed first followed by through streets and cul-de-sacs.
- Snow blowing is done only to maintain the width of the road. A rotary snow blower cuts back the snow embankment and blows the snow close to the roadway, avoiding driveways whenever possible.
- Slush is removed from roadways as needed to prevent icing on road surfaces.
- Sanding of icy main roads and school bus routes will normally take place before the first scheduled school bus trip in the morning. Additionally, hills on main roads and side streets will be sanded as needed.
- A copy of this Bulletin will be provided to all residents each year. This Bulletin will also accompany all new applications for water and sewer service within District boundaries.

**Priorities:**

1. Main roads and school bus routes will be plowed and or sanded first – maintaining 2 lanes open whenever possible.
2. Cul-de-sacs – minimum of one lane open during major part of storm.
3. Partially dedicated roads – minimum one lane open during major part of storm.
4. Opening all roadways to 2 lanes.
5. Widening of streets with snow blower will be done after storms are over during regular working hours.

**Residents' Responsibilities:**

- ❖ Remove vehicles from street – they will be towed away at owner's expense (**SEE DISTRICT POLICIES**).
- ❖ Do not put trash containers in road right-of-way.
- ❖ Do not throw snow into street when cleaning driveway.
- ❖ Yield right of way to the snow plows and keep in mind that at times they may be plowing in tandem or on the wrong side of the street as conditions dictate.
- ❖ Be prepared for icy road conditions and reduce your speed to well below the District's 25 mph limit.
- ❖ Stay clear of snow removal equipment. If you have a request or complaint, please call the office at 775-588-2571. Do not attempt to talk to the equipment operator.
- ❖ Be understanding – living at Lake Tahoe in the winter means berms and some inconveniences.

**District Policy:**

- Road rights-of-way in the District are between 40 to 60 feet wide and extend beyond the paved roadway. The District must utilize all non-drivable portions of the right-of-way for snow storage.
- Vehicles parked on or within five (5) feet of the pavement or otherwise interfering with snow removal between October 1 and May 1 will be towed. Towing and storage will at the owner's sole expense.
- Dumping or throwing snow into the roadway is prohibited. If a resident or his/her agent dumps, plows, throws or blows snow into the roadway, the owner of the property from which the snow was moved will be billed for the time it takes the District to remove the snow from the roadway.
- The District is not responsible for damage to property constructed, abandoned, parked or stored in the road right-of-way.
- The District is not responsible for driveway berm removal. It will, however, remove the berm upon a resident's request depending on staff availability and only during normal working hours. The District assumes no liability to property if damaged as a result of this good neighbor act.

**Note: Per Board action dated March 1996, all residents requesting berm removal must have a current executed Hold Harmless Agreement on file with the District Office to be eligible for berm removal assistance.** Agreement Forms are available upon request at the District Office. All agreements expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of every calendar year and must be renewed annually.