

CountrySide Snow Removal Policy

The CountrySide Proprietary is only responsible for clearing snow on roadways that are owned by CountrySide. In general, this means that we are responsible for clearing snow from the “travel” portion of the roadways in the townhouse communities that have assigned parking spaces on the street. All other roads within the townhouse communities and in all of the single family communities are maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

A detailed listing of the streets is available on our website at www.countryside-va.com under the General Information, Street Listing links. The street names preceded by VDOT are owned and maintained by VDOT and those preceded by CP are owned and maintained by the Proprietary.

As noted, those residents who live on a VDOT street and are concerned with the snow removal on those or any VDOT street should contact VDOT at their Highway Helpline (800-367-7623) or on the web at http://www.virginiadot.org/default_flash.asp

Regarding the actual process of pushing snow on CountrySide roadways and trails, we have developed the following summary of activities that can be expected for snow accumulations of varying depth:

General Policy – Townhouse Streets

1. When adequate notice is available before the storm, the streets will be pretreated with a liquid brine mixture to help prevent the snow from bonding to the street surfaces.
2. Plowing will commence within 1 hour after 2” of snow has accumulated. During the storm, our snow removal contractor will plow the travel portions of the roadways with the intention of keeping a 12 foot wide path open down each roadway. Contractor will have one piece of equipment in each of the townhouse neighborhoods.
3. Within 4 hours of the end of the snowfall (or 6 AM for an overnight snowfall), PMP staff will begin clearing access paths to all community mailboxes, fire hydrants and storm drains in those areas that had been identified where drainage is a concern.

For snow accumulations of less than 2”:

- No action will be taken on CountrySide streets.

For snow accumulations of 2” to 4”

- Actions 1, 2 and 3 above will apply.
- Once the snow stops falling and roads are passable, there will be no additional contractor snow clearing services.

For snow accumulations of greater than 4”

- Actions 1, 2 and 3 above will apply.
- Once the snow stops falling and roads are passable, the contractor will remain onsite to move as much snow as possible off the roadways and onto common ground areas to reduce sightline and signage obstructions. Residents are required to clear their parking spaces and areas directly behind vehicles. Snow should not be placed in the roadway.

General Policy – Trails

- A. No action will be taken during the storms unless 8 or more inches are forecasted.
- B. Within 4 hours of the end of the snowfall (or 6 AM for an overnight snowfall) PMP staff will begin plowing the trails, beginning with the main trails that feed the schools and run along Algonkian Parkway and CountrySide Blvd. Remaining trails will be plowed once all the main trails are completed.
- C. If more than 8” is forecasted, PMP staff will be onsite during the storm to make a pass on all main trails after each 4 to 6 inches of accumulation. Depending on the rate of accumulation, the remaining trails may not be plowed until all the main trails have been cleared. Depending on the total accumulation, some trails may not be plowed until the snow melts enough to be addressed by PMP staff and CountrySide equipment (Generally 6” or less).