

# Snow Removal Procedures

The Board of Directors of the Kensington Downs Community Association has authorized our vendor, Hoosier Land Care (HLC) to begin plowing the community roads when snowfall reaches 3 to 3.5 inches. Start time for plowing will also depend on when the snowfall begins and the length of time predicted for the storm to move through the area. Our vendor's goal is to always make the Kensington Downs (KD) streets at least "passable" for people going to work in the morning.

HLC will begin by making a double-pass on all KD streets to clear a path wide enough for two (2) cars to pass, in all locations where cars are not parked on the street. Then, HLC will proceed to make multiple visits to KD during the entire length of the snowstorm. Please Note: *If the HLC truck(s) have left Kensington Downs and it is still snowing and/or all areas are not completely cleaned yet, they will be coming back again to clean off the streets.* Also, it takes more time to clean the cul-de-sacs correctly from edge-to-edge; and cars parked here often end up blocking an area that could be used to pile snow.

**Please keep these facts in mind and exercise patience.** Remember, HLC has other customers besides Kensington Downs, so it could take a couple of hours before a truck can get back through to make another pass and/or do cleanup. Typically, HLC will do the "final cleanup" and inspection either overnight (following a storm that ends during the day) or throughout the next day for a storm that ends overnight. As always, the homeowner is responsible for clearing any snow left at the end of their driveway after the HLC snowplow or City of Fort Wayne truck makes additional passes on the KD subdivision streets.

## **Other ways that homeowners can help our community during snow storms:**

- Move your vehicle(s) off the street, so the snowplow can clear all snow from the roadways.
- If snowfall is predicted, park your vehicles in your garage or move them to your driveway.
- When shoveling or "blowing" the snow from your driveway, do not pile it in the street.

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- Please help by shoveling the snow from mailbox pads, so the U.S.P.S. personnel can deliver the mail to KD residents.
- If there is a sidewalk adjacent to your property (in front and/or on the side), it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep that public sidewalk clear of all snow at all times. This is a City ordinance - a fine can be imposed!
- PLEASE do not harass the snowplow drivers!  
If you have a concern, please leave a message by calling 749-5308.

Board members will place snow stakes to mark all of the fire hydrants (25) and they may choose to mark the storm drains (48) in Kensington Downs as well. **Please help to keep the storm drains free of leaves, other debris and snow.** If the streets are snowy/icy and there is a thaw, it is important that the storm drains be opened so the water can drain off and not “re-freeze” causing hazardous streets. **Also, the Fire Department needs your help to keep the fire hydrants visible and accessible, and free of snow piles.**

The KDCA Board made the decision to forego distributing salt barrels throughout our subdivision for this winter. During past winters, we have had problems with moisture causing the salt in the barrels to cake into a solid block (i.e., salt was not useable). **KD homeowners should call 3-1-1 and request that the City apply salt to any “problem areas” identified on our subdivision roads this winter.**

