

Snow Berm REDUCTION Guide Poles

Installation Suggestions

The City of Big Bear Lake offers a **Berm Reduction Program** for **City residents** with driveways delineated with City supplied snow poles. City residents may obtain snow poles from the Engineering counter at the Civic Center for \$26.94/pair (includes tax). The installation of snow poles is the responsibility of the residents. We regret that the Public Works Department is unable to personally assist in pole installation. If you cannot do the installation yourself, any local handyman service, landscaper, or light contractor should be able to provide installation for a nominal fee.

Place snow poles two feet off the street pavement, one on each side of the driveway. Where there are curbs and drainage channels, place the poles just inside the curb near the edges of the driveway. In the case of a circular drive, please pick only one driveway to place poles.

Manufacturers suggested in-ground installation method:

- Dig a hole in the ground 12 inches deep and 2 inches wide.
- Place a 12-inch length of 1½ inch diameter PVC pipe, metal pipe, or conduit pipe into the ground so that the top of the pipe barely extends above ground level
- Backfill against pipe, thoroughly compacting the soil, and insert the snow pole into the pipe
- Snow pole should extend four to five feet above the ground

Alternate installation methods:

- Poles may be strapped securely to any existing snow poles, provided they are at the recommended locations. They need to be clearly visible from the street.
- If you have fence corner-posts at the recommended locations, poles may be affixed to them. Again, they need to be clearly visible from the street.

Please note that we can only reduce the berm at **one driveway per property location**, and the driveway should be no wider than 24 feet.

The berm REDUCTION program is not available to county residents. Please be advised that this is a snow berm REDUCTION program, not a berm removal program. The snow plows will reduce the height of the berms in marked driveways to a level lower than berm heights in plowed areas.

Also, please note that in the event of heavy snowfalls, the snow plows may not be able to perform the reduction on the first pass through the streets, but as time permits they will return to areas to reduce the berms in marked driveways.

Additional Berm Reduction Guidelines:

1. Always park vehicles **OFF** the road or street right-of-way.
2. Keep roads clear of all snow tools and devices used for shoveling.
3. Keep small children inside when the snow equipment is in your neighborhood.
4. **DO NOT** let children build igloos or caves in the snow banks near the street.
5. Whenever possible, wait to clear driveways until the snowplow has passed.

Call the City's Snow Removal Hotline at (909) 752-2830 for general information on snow removal, berm reduction, and current snow conditions. The hotline is accessible 24 hours a day.

Approximately one-third of the City's snow removal costs this season will go towards berm reduction.

The Public Works Department appreciates your compliance with these guidelines.