



TEMPLE DRIVEWAY PLOWING CO-OPERATIVE (TDPC)

P. O. Box 24, Temple NH 03084

2023-24 plow service

Welcome to Temple!

One of the non-profit organizations in Temple is the Driveway Plowing Co-operative (TDPC). We formed the Co-op in 2011 to take over the service that the town had been providing—plowing residents' driveways. For 12 winters, we have plowed over 255 drives in an efficient, ecologically sound manner.

Service--Generally, TDPC plows if snow is 4" or more in the Village and the ground is frozen. We plow after the storm and when the roads are plowed. See the enclosed Standards & Terms.

New to town Members: We would like to have you become a member for the coming winter. The fee is \$1.80 per \$1,000 of town assessment. With this letter, you are receiving an application form showing your assessment and plow fee. Also enclosed is a financial report.

Some FAQs follow; please be in touch if you have other questions.

If you are interested, we hope that you will join us before the first snowfall of the season. If your situation makes paying the full fee in one payment a personal hardship, please contact our treasurer, Steve Nelson at armyretired8@msn.com about a solution.

Carol Mamczak handles the co-op's communications, including sending emails to alert members about plowing plans or other information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact her at templedrivewayplowcoop@gmail.com.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What is a "cooperative"?**

A cooperative is a form of non-profit organization under New Hampshire law (RSA 301-A). It allows members to join together to get a service for their benefit rather than for the profit of shareholders. TDPC has also qualified as a co-op under IRS rules.

2. **Why should I join the TDPC?**

- a. pay much less than you'd pay to hire a plow contractor by the storm
- b. ensure service that will happen if you are away or sick
- c. supports an efficient, energy-saving service

3. **How do I know what it will cost me to join?**
See the attached application form.
4. **What does this phrase mean: "\$X per \$1,000 of assessment"?**
Your property tax is based on the value the town has assigned to your property, called "assessed value." The tax rate is expressed as a specific rate in dollars for each \$1,000 of the assessed value of the property. The TDPC uses the same method for its fees.
5. **Why is the TDPC charging by the assessed value?**
This is how Temple paid for driveway plowing for years, beginning when the town plowed driveways. The TDPC is using the town procedures and policies as far as possible.
6. **My neighbor's driveway is twice as long as mine - - shouldn't he pay twice as much?**
The time needed and thus the cost to plow a driveway is impacted by many factors, including length, smoothness of surface, curves or turns, slope, and convenience of a location to discard snow. This is why TDPC decided to use the same method of charging as the town did - property assessment.
7. **I rent a single family home. May I join TDPC?**
Yes. Either an owner or a renter may join.
8. **Can I wait until later in the season to join?**
Sure, but if it snows, your driveway won't be plowed until you pay. There is also a \$50 penalty for those join after the storm starts.
9. **Do I get a refund if we have fewer storms this winter?**
No, but if this happens, your fee for 2024-2025 will be lower. Any excess fees from this winter will be carried over and applied to lower members' fees next year.