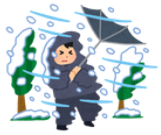
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Q I cleared the snow in front of my house last night, but the snowplow left snow there again this morning. Why does this happen?

A Snow removal on roads by Hokkaido and municipal authorities is carried out within limited time frames. Therefore, the standard method is to push snow to the sides of the road. As a result, snow cleared from the roadway may be deposited in front of residential entrances or garages. Any remaining snow must be removed by individual households. For more information, please refer to the section below, “Request for Cooperation Regarding Snow Removal Operations.”



Request for Cooperation Regarding Snow Removal Operations

	To ensure safe and comfortable commutes to work and school, snow removal operations in downtown areas are conducted from late night to the early morning hours when traffic is light. **We appreciate your understanding regarding the noise and vibrations caused by these operations.**
	Please **refrain from parking on the street.** Parked vehicles not only **obstruct snow removal operations** but also reduce road width, which **may result in accidents or traffic congestion**.
	Snowplows have many blind spots and may operate beyond the center line of the road. For your safety, **please do not approach the snowplows**.
	**Dumping snow removed** from in front of a home, etc. **onto public roads is prohibited** as it may cause traffic accidents and obstruct traffic. Please **do not dump snow from in front of your home onto the roadway**.
	After snowplows have passed, snow may remain in front of your entrance or garage. **We ask that each household remove any remaining snow themselves.**
	**Gravel boxes** are installed at intersections in downtown areas and on slopes in suburban areas, etc. When road surfaces become frozen or icy, please help by spreading gravel over slippery areas.
	**During heavy snowfall or blizzard** conditions, please **refrain from nonessential outings**.

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