

# CLAY COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL POLICY

## GENERAL COMMENTS

1. The Highway Department only has personnel for one shift daily.
2. Due to gravel-loss prevention - Plow Trucks will not plow on gravel surfaced roads unless they are adequately frozen.

## SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

3. Snow removal priority will be as follows: high volume paved highways, low volume paved highways, high volume gravel roadways and subdivisions, low volume gravel roadways. Once paved highways are completely plowed all gravel highways in each district will be plowed whether they are County, County State Aid or Township Highways.
4. The Highway Department will decide when the plowing will begin, depending on weather conditions and the safety of the traveling public.
5. **During normal working days** and conditions of **1-3 inches of snow**, with manageable wind, plowing will normally begin at 6:00 A.M. with the intent to have all roads open by nightfall.
6. **During weekends and holidays** and conditions of **1-3 inches of snow**, with manageable wind, plowing will normally begin at 6:00 A.M. with the intent to have all paved & high-volume roads open by nightfall. The remaining roadways will be cleared during normal working days.
7. **During all days** and conditions of **4 or more inches of snow**, with manageable wind, plowing will normally begin at 5:00 A.M. with the intent to have all roads open by nightfall or the following day depending on conditions and the discretion of the maintenance supervisor.
8. During conditions where the wind is drifting snow on the paved roads as fast as it is being cleared off, plows will stay on the paved roads until positive results are seen and then move to the gravel roads.
9. Once all paved and gravel highways have been cleared of snow, winging operations will begin with the motor graders while the plow trucks begin salt and sand operations on intersections, hills and curves.
10. For weather conditions please listen or contact local radio stations.
11. Between the hours of 8 am to 4:30 pm (M-F: regular workdays) County and Township roadway conditions can be obtained by calling 218-299-5099. Additional 24 hour roadway information can also be obtained by calling the Minnesota Department of Transportation 511 Travel Information Hotline at 1-800-542-0220.

12. For weather related road and bridge emergencies after hours, weekends or on holidays residents will be instructed via voicemail to call 701-451-7660 which will be relayed by the Red River Regional Dispatch Center to the highway department.
13. Any damage to mailboxes as a result of snow removal shall follow the current "Mailbox Placement & Maintenance Policy".
14. Minnesota Law prohibits residents from dumping, plowing, pushing, blowing or depositing snow on any public roadway. These actions create dangerous roadside hazards and they will be enforced.

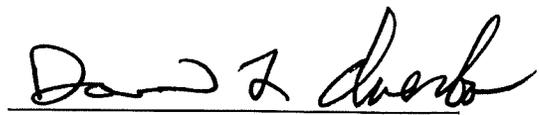
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