

Maple Ridge Township Snow Removal Policy

With the advent of another Minnesota snow season comes the concern about the access to work, school and business. The safety and convenience of the travelling public is a main concern of the Maple ridge Township. The goal of the township is to have all roads passable within a reasonable amount of time after a snowfall has stopped.

The township does not assure a completely base road. Users of the road system are limited to exercise caution and drive with care. The legal speed limit may not be possible at times.

SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES:

1. Dispatching of Snowplow

The township will usually not dispatch the snowplow until after 3" of snow has fallen. During extended periods of snowfall exceptions maybe made. The snowplows will not be sent out in situations that may be hazardous due to restricted visibility.

2. Operations

Generally, the cleaning of roads will consist of three phases: Making the roads passible; widening and cleaning up. Dependent on the situation, more than one phase may be accomplished at one time.

3. Personal Properties

- A. Mailboxes and fences damaged during snow removal will be evaluated case by case. Only those mailboxes that were properly located and installed and which were damaged by actual contact with township equipment will be repaired at township expense.
- B. Township residents are reminded that is unlawful to plow snow from driveways onto or across public roads. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. Accidents and damages caused by snow piles placed in or onto the roadway may result in the liability to the property owner.
- C. Township residents are reminded to remove parked vehicles from township roads to assist in snow removal.
- D. The township vehicle will not attempt to remove stuck vehicles from ditches, snowbanks or any other impediment.
- E. When directed by a supervisor, the township will make every effort to make emergency plowing available.

APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP ROAD AUTHORITY

Joseph Rajkowski, Maple Ridge Township Clerk