

SNOWPLOWING POLICY  
LOGAN TOWNSHIP  
AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

1. Introduction

Logan Township believes that it is in the best interest of the residents for the Township to assume basic responsibility for control of snow and ice on township roads. Reasonable ice and snow control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services. The Township will provide such control in a safe and cost effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns. The Township will use private contractors to provide this service.

2. When will Township start snow or ice control operations?

The Township Supervisors will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations. The criteria for that decision are:

- A. Snow accumulation that causes travel difficulty;
- B. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel;
- C. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel.

Snow and ice control operations are expensive and involve the use of limited personnel and equipment. Consequently, snowplowing operations will not generally be conducted for minimal snowfall.

3. How snow will be plowed.

Snow will be plowed in a manner as to minimize any traffic obstructions. Snow will be plowed from the road surface and winged back from the roadsides as necessary. In times of extreme snowfall, roads will not always immediately be able to be completely cleared of snow.

4. Priorities and schedule for which roads will be plowed.

The Township has classified priority roads as those roads used for school bus routes, milk routes and mail routes. Second priority roads are those remaining.

5. Weather conditions.

Snow and ice control operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of the contractor and equipment. Factors that may delay snow and ice control operations include: severe cold, significant winds and limited visibility.

6. Use of sand and salt.

The Township will request the Aitkin County Road & Bridge Department to use sand and salt when there are hazardous ice or extremely slippery conditions.

STANDARDS/POLICIES

All township roads shall be open within reasonable time upon completion of a winter storm.

Contractors snow plowing equipment will not operated under poor visibility and severe blowing snow conditions.

Contractors snow plowing equipment shall be dispatched, depending upon weather conditions.

Mail boxes meeting U. S. Post Office specifications will be repaired or replaced by the plowing contractor if actually struck by plowing equipment. Damage due to flying snow or ice shall be the responsibility of the mail box owner.

#### OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

Contract operators shall not plow or the Road & Bridge Department shall not sand unless dispatched by a supervisor, except under the following conditions:

1. Emergency order from Sheriff's department, and a supervisor cannot be reached.
2. Emergency service for medical vehicles or medical emergencies.

Contract operators are expected to keep accurate records of their snow plowing operations and submit a billing to the township.

Plowing of private driveways is strictly between the individual and the plowing contractor.

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