

WINTER TIPS



SLOW DOWN

Most snow- or ice-related accidents are caused by driving at speeds too fast for existing conditions.

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW

Motorists should keep a safe distance between their vehicles and snowplows. Plowing may result in a cloud of snow limiting visibility and/or may throw ice, rocks or salt. Always watch for the unexpected.

DON'T LET CHILDREN PLAY IN ROADSIDE SNOWBANKS

Even at low speeds snowplows throw large amounts of snow a great distance from the roadway. This snow can make it difficult for the driver to see children.

County Road Association of Michigan

The County Road Association of Michigan represents Michigan's 83 county road agencies. If you have a concern related to snow or ice removal, contact the agency having jurisdiction over the road in question.

For US-, I- or M- Routes, contact the Michigan Department of Transportation. You can find contact information for your area at www.michigan.gov/mdot. Inside incorporated cities and villages contact that municipality's department of public works. The number should be in your telephone directory.

Contact information for your county road commission can be found in the government section of your telephone book.

Your county road commission works hard to keep your road to success open.



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WINTER MAINTENANCE



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Pile Snow to the Right

Snowplows operate by pushing snow to the right. Piling snow to the right of your driveway and mailbox (as you face the road) will help reduce the amount of snow pushed into or in front of your driveway and mailbox. Snow must be piled as to not obstruct motorist's vision.

“A person shall not remove, or cause to be removed, snow, ice, or slush onto or across a roadway or the shoulder of a roadway in a manner which obstructs the safety vision of the driver of a motor vehicle other than off-road vehicles. A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway.” (MCL 257.677a)



Salting and Sanding

Salt is used to rapidly melt ice and is applied as moderately as possible, without presenting an unacceptable risk to the motoring public.

To avoid excessive use of salt, some road commissions mix sand and salt. This mixture not only helps melt snow and ice, it provides motorists with additional traction.

Some road commissions moisten salt or salt/sand mixtures (pre-wetting) to allow faster ice melting in colder conditions.

PARKING ON SNOW ROUTES IS NOT ONLY ILLEGAL, BUT IT HINDERS YOUR ROAD COMMISSION'S ABILITY TO KEEP ROADS CONVENIENT FOR TRAVEL. ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS MAY BE TOWED OR TICKETED.

Snow Removal

There is no magical amount of snowfall required before plowing begins. Your county road commission aims to have roads convenient for travel as early as possible following a snow event. Heavily traveled county roads and problem areas are the first to be addressed. Lower volume neighborhood and rural streets are plowed next. Roads designated as “Seasonal Roads” are not maintained in the winter.



Your road commission designed its snowplow policies to provide the highest possible quality of service. Unpredictable weather events and financial constraints make it impossible to make winter roads absolutely safe. Please be patient with us as we strive to keep your road to success open.