

Snow and Ice Maintenance

County crews remove snow from designated County highways through plowing, salting, and sanding. The objective of Snow and Ice Maintenance is to provide the traveling public with the ability to travel on highways at reasonable and prudent speeds within the limitations imposed by the extremes of weather, and within the resources of the Highway Department.

Salt and/or abrasives will be applied on roadways during inclement weather, which will or has caused slippery conditions. Salt will be applied in accordance with the County Policy, "salt use for snow and ice control". Abrasives may be applied to improve vehicular control.

Plowing will begin when the application of salt and/or abrasives are no longer effective due to the accumulation of snow of approximately 1 ½ ". Plowing will be repeated as necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Snow and Ice Maintenance on a County Road, please call 607-535-2531 for information, or the Town Highway Department where you live.

Winter Tips:

- ❖ Snow plowing equipment and sanders operate at approximately 25 mph.
- ❖ Approach snowplow equipment with extreme caution.
- ❖ Do not leave snow on the roadway or shoulders of roadway after clearing snow from driveway.
- ❖ Do not tailgate plow trucks or sanders, and stay back at least 200 feet.
- ❖ Park vehicles off roadway and shoulder so plowing can be conducted safely and effectively. If you park on a shoulder, park where plowing has cleared the shoulder.

Mailbox Guidelines:

During snowstorms the County receives numerous telephone calls regarding damage done to mailboxes by snowplows or thrown snow. Any such damage is not intentional, but is an unfortunate consequence of snow removal.

As per highway law: "When the necessity of keeping a highway open conflicts with the individuals reception of mail, the latter must stand aside." The County has no liability if a mailbox is damaged as a result of plowing operations. As such, the County will not replace or repair damaged mailboxes.

The highways of the County are made for and devoted to public travel. The drivers do the best they can to keep the roads passable as well as protect your property. It is requested that the public cooperate with the Postal Service in giving consideration to placing mailboxes in positions that do not hinder snow removal