

FISH LAKE TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Fish Lake Township's goal is to have all roads passable within a reasonable amount of time after the snowfall has stopped.

The Township does not assure a completely bare road surface and drivers are urged to use caution and drive with care.

The legal speed limit may not be possible at all times.

SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES DISPATCHING OF SNOWPLOWS

Snowplow equipment will usually not be dispatched until after the snowfall has stopped and 3 inches of snow have accumulated except for when it has been determined by the Chairperson that conditions would be detrimental to road surface. During extended periods of snowfall, exceptions may be made. The snowplows will not be sent out in situations that may be hazardous due to restricted visibility.

OPERATIONS

Clearing of roads will generally happen in three phases: 1) making the road passable; 2) widening; 3) cleaning up. Depending on the situation, more than one phase may be accomplished at one time.

PERSONAL PROPERTIES

- A) Mailboxes and fences damaged during snow removal will be evaluated case by case. *Only those mailboxes properly located and installed* and damaged by actual contact with Township equipment will be considered for repairs or replacement at Township expense. All replacements will be with a swing-arm post and standard mailbox.
- B) Township residents are reminded that it 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 left in or on the side of the roadway may result in liability to the property owner. Snow piles left on the side of a roadway increase the chances of drifting snow onto the road.
- C) *Vehicles left or parked on the side of the road will be towed at the owner's expense after 48 hours.* Residents are reminded to remove all obstructions from the Township road right-of-ways.
- D) Township vehicles will not attempt to remove stuck vehicles from ditches, snow banks or any other impediment.
- E) When requested by the County Sheriff's department the Township will provide emergency snowplowing.
- F) Garbage cans and recycling containers need to be kept off the roadway during the snow season so as to not interfere with snow removal. Remove cans as soon as possible. Garbage cans and recycling containers should not be along roadway except on days of scheduled pick up.

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Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk