

# **Snow Policy**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

Our goal is to have all County Roads passable within a reasonable amount of time after a snowfall has stopped. Our plowing priorities reflect a commitment to insuring that priority roads are kept open to serve critical facilities and to provide access between state highways and our communities.

During snow and ice control operations, almost all other operations of the Maintenance Department are of secondary importance once the program is initiated.

Snow Routes may be viewed on the Boone County website ([www.showmeboone.com](http://www.showmeboone.com)).

Our complement of snow removal equipment consists of truck mounted plows with spreaders and motorgraders.

We supplement our plowing with limited applications of salt or salt/sand mix.

The County may use private contractors on subdivision roads if the level of snow fall requires this. The private contractors are instructed to plow subdivision roadways and treat the intersections and hills with chemicals or chemical/sand mix. The entire subdivision roadways are **not** treated with chemicals.

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

During snow and ice conditions emergency calls from the Police and Fire departments regarding accidents, medical or other emergency situations are given top priority. The County Public Works is not the “first responder” to emergencies from citizens. Emergency calls should be made to Joint Communications by dialing 911. The responding emergency agency will contact County Public Works if assistance is needed.

## **RURAL MAILBOXES**

The County will not pay for damaged mailboxes unless snow removal equipment has made contact with the mailbox. Residents should mark mailboxes in drift prone areas to help road workers avoid them. Claims for damaged mailboxes must be submitted to the Public Works Department within 5 business days.

## **FENCES**

The County will not pay for damaged fences unless snow removal equipment has made contact with the fence. Claims for damaged fences must be submitted to the Public Works Department within 30 days to be considered for repair.

## **OBSTRUCTIONS**

Obstructions on the road right of way such as hay bales, vehicles, or fences which might cause drifting shall be removed by the owners. The county will not be liable for damage to stalled or stranded vehicles on the traveled portion of the roadway or other obstructions that interfere with snow and ice removal and chemical placement. Owners of stalled or stranded vehicles should immediately notify the Sheriff's Department. Owners must remove stalled or stranded vehicles as soon as possible.

The County is not liable for damage to fences, landscaping, and/or other objects placed on County right of way.

The Public Works Department may assist stranded motorists by contacting law enforcement/emergency personnel. Public Works forces will not attempt to remove stuck vehicles from ditches, snowbanks or any other impediment.

## **RESIDENT PLOWING**

County residents who remove snow from their driveways are reminded that snow should not be pushed or piled onto County roads. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. Piles of snow also increase the chance of drifting snow onto the roadway. Accidents and damages caused by snow piles placed in the roadway may result in liability to the property owner.

## **PARKING**

Vehicles parked on the roadway or shoulder impedes snow removal. Motor vehicles must be parked off the roadway or shoulder during snow removal operations.

Parked vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense. If vehicles are parked on a dead end or cul-de-sac, the road may not be plowed.

### WINDROWS FROM PLOWING

Many times the Public Works Department receives calls regarding snowplow trucks depositing snow at the end of driveways or in front of mailboxes. Windrows of snow along the edge of the roadway are a result of snow plowing. If you have a neighbor who is unable to remove the snow from their driveway or in front of their mail boxes, please assist them. The County does not have the resources or the manpower to clear drive approaches or mail boxes. We ask for your understanding and cooperation.

### PRIVATE PROPERTY

County Public Works will not use County equipment or personnel to remove snow or ice on private property.

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**BOONE COUNTY, MISSOURI:**

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Presiding Commissioner

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