

# AMADOR TOWNSHIP

## SNOW POLICY STATEMENT

With the advent of another Minnesota snow season comes the concern about access to work, school, and business. Safety for the traveling public is a main concern of the Amador Township Road Maintenance Department.

- Our goal is to have all township roads passable within a reasonable amount of time after a snowfall has stopped. Our plowing priorities reflect a commitment to insuring that roads are kept open to serve critical facilities and to provide access between state highways and our communities.
- Our snow plow equipment consists of a motor grader with wing and V-plow. If needed, we contract with Shafer Township to supplement our plowing with limited applications of salt or salt/sand mix.

***THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT ASSURE A BARE ROAD; AND, WILL NOT NORMALLY SALT OR SAND ENTIRE SECTIONS OF ROADWAY. Slow down!*** Drivers are reminded to exercise caution and to drive with care. It may not be possible to drive the posted speed limit at all times

### SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES

#### 1) DISPATCHING OF SNOW PLOWS

- The township will not typically dispatch snowplows until after a snowfall has stopped. During extended periods of snowfall, exceptions may be made. Snowplows will not be sent out in situations that are deemed by the Township Road Supervisor to be hazardous. Roads will not be plowed for less than three inches of snow.
- If snowfall stops during regular working hours, plows may be dispatched at that time. If the snowfall stops during night or early morning hours, plows will be dispatched at an early morning time according to conditions. Weekend plowing will be handled in a similar fashion.

#### 2) OPERATIONS

Generally the clearing of roads consist of following three Phases:

***a) Make the road passable.***

Clean one lane in each direction. Generally, a plow and wing are used.

***b) Widen the lanes to edge of shoulder.***

Sanding may be done at problem locations. ***ENTIRE ROADS WILL NOT BE SANDED.*** An appropriate mixture of salt to sand is used, depending on temperature and/or the amount of snow or ice.

***c) Clean up under normal circumstances.***

Removal of ice and slush off roadway after salt and sun have been allowed to work may occur. Remove snow from urban areas as scheduling/demands allow.

***d) Depending on the situation, more than one phase may be accomplished at the same time.***

#### 3) PERSONAL PROPERTY

- Amador Township Road Maintenance will not fix/repair any damaged mailboxes/supports unless resident/ business has a Minnesota Department of Transportation approved swinging arm mailbox support. Amador Township personnel will fix/repair these mailbox/supports only if the plow has hit the support and caused damage.
- The Township is not liable for damages to fences, vehicles and/or other objects placed on road right-of-way.
- The Township Road maintenance personnel may assist stranded motorists by contacting law enforcement/emergency personnel. Public Works forces will not attempt to remove stuck vehicles from ditches, snow banks or any other impediment.

#### 4) RESIDENT PLOWING

- Township residents are reminded that it is unlawful under Minnesota Statute 160.2715 (A) (1). to plow snow from driveways onto or across Township 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 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.
- ***It is your responsibility to provide adequate access for emergency vehicles that respond to an emergency on your site. This includes room for emergency vehicles to turn around on the property.***

#### 5) INFORMATION

Questions or concerns regarding snow removal and/or road conditions should be directed to Amador Township officials. [www.amadortownship.com](http://www.amadortownship.com) / Adopted by Township Board of Supervisors December 2022

