

TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to set up acceptable procedures and policies for winter maintenance of town roads, as to snow and ice removal.

Our main roads that carry the most traffic are our first priority for salting and plowing. Cul-de-sacs (circles) are last to be plowed because they take a lot of time and are difficult to clean. School bus, milk, and US mail routes are given priority.

Each winter storm has unique characteristics. Climatological factors such as storm intensity and duration, wind, temperature, and moisture content affect the total amount of snow and or ice accumulation and influence the methodology used to combat the resulting snow and or ice related conditions.

The timing of a storm will influence the removal of snow and ice, as to when the clearing of roads can begin.

The Town of Cross Plains endeavors to maintain adequate traction for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions. This does not mean bare, dry pavement should be expected after each snowfall or ice storm. Furthermore, this does not mean the streets will be free of ice and snow. The Town must use discretion and sound judgment as to how to plow snow or ice.

The need to implement a maintenance policy shall be the actual occurrence of a snowfall of a depth greater than 1 inch, (or less if combined with freezing and icing conditions). Implementation may also be triggered by the occurrence of an ice storm or freezing rain which would make the public ways difficult to travel.

Weather reports issued by the National Weather Service shall be taken into account to prepare for anticipated maintenance service.

Since it takes the Town's plow about 9 hours and travel of about 120 miles to cover all the roads, people should plan accordingly.

No parking is allowed on roadways during winter.

Private driveways and roadways shall not be maintained by the Town, except under conditions deemed by the Town Chair to be a threat to public safety or the need for emergency access. Under such circumstances, the owner of the property shall be billed for the service based on the cost to the Town in hourly wages, fuel, and material used. The Town Board may waive these costs upon the recommendation of the Town Chair.

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