

TOWN OF WOODBORO

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICIES

THE TOWN OF WOODBORO roads are subject to freezing rain, ice, snow and drifting at any time from October through April. The Town Board 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 roads will be free from ice and snow.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL: THE TOWN OF WOODBORO is responsible for maintenance of 49 miles of town roads. By State Statute 81.85 the Town has three weeks to remove snow and ice accumulations. The Town goal is to maintain the roads in as good condition as weather, equipment, and budget allows. Planning and preparing for snow and ice operations is difficult as no two storms are ever identical. Factors such as the rate of snowfall, moisture content, accumulation, temperature, time of day, and wind velocity determines the uniqueness of each storm. During snow and ice storms the Town contractor will respond to an emergency to the extent practical. The Town will not respond to unverified emergency request direct from the public. Request must come from the sheriff, fire department, etc.. The Town of Woodboro will not take responsibility for removal of snow that is plowed into private driveways during clearing operations.

PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS/PRIVATE ROADS: Driveway maintenance is the property owners responsibility. The Town of Woodboro, The Town Board, and equipment operators ARE NOT responsible for snow from private driveways.

SNOW AND ICE DEPOSITING ONTO OR ACROSS PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: State of Wisconsin State Statute 346.94 (5) placing injurious substances on highway. No person shall place or cause to be placed upon a highway a foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle or part thereof.

ICE REMOVAL; Due to the cost and lack of approved storage buildings the town does not apply salt to their roads. The Town, except in extreme cases,

will use sand treated with salt. The salt is necessary to keep the sand from freezing. The sand will be applied on curves, intersections, hills, steep grades and straight-aways as condition warrant. There is no State or Federal laws that require the Town to use salt or sand/salt. Sand/salt will only be applied as much as the budget and/or availability allows.

SNOW REMOVAL: The Town Chairperson (or designee) will decide when the snow removal operation will begin and the Town Contractor be sent out. The Town Chairperson and Contractor have the authority to suspend snow and ice control operations when there is a danger to operators or it is not practical or cost effective to continue. Due to limited budgets the Town may not have sufficient equipment to handle severe snow and ice storms as rapidly as usual. No guarantee is made or implied on the length of snow and ice removal operations.

MAILBOXES AND STRUCTURES: Operators are instructed to be very careful near mailboxes and structures such as fences on or too close to right-of-way and landscaping on or close to right-of-way. Most cases of damaged boxes are caused by heavy snow hitting the box, damage done to landscaping is usually caused by plowing when the ground is not frozen. The mailboxes are seldom hit by the plow. The Town may assume responsibility after a visual inspection by a Town Representative.

DISABLED VEHICLE: The Town of Woodboro road Contractor has been advised that under No circumstances may they pull any disabled vehicle out of the ditch because of liability reasons.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: If residents fail to snow plow their driveways and emergency vehicles are called for assistance, Emergency service providers make every to gain access to the property. The town of Woodboro is not obligated to damage the contractor's equipment or risk the safety of it's employees in cases where the landowner has neglected to ensure that the property is accessible. Only verified emergency request from sheriff, police, fire department will be responded to.

THE ROADS WILL BE PLOWED FIRST AND THEN SANDING WILL FOLLOW AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

THE TOWN OF WOODBORO IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE DONE TO VEHICLES PARKED OR PERSONAL PROPERTY ON THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

THE WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICY SHALL BE DEEMEND TO BE INFORCED AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL BY THE TOWN OF WOODBORO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

ADOPTED THIS _____ Day of _____ 2015

Sherry Tischendorf, Chairperson

Lois Haese, Supervisor

Phillip Kriesel, Supervisor

Attest: _____
Judith May, Clerk

