

# *Amador Township, Chisago County, Minnesota*

## **CURRENT 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.
- The township snow plow equipment consists of a motor grader with wing and V-plow. We supplement our plowing with limited applications of trap rock or sand/salt supplied by Shafer Township.

***THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT ASSURE A BARE ROAD; AND, WILL NOT NORMALLY SALT OR SAND ENTIRE SECTIONS OF ROADWAY.*** Please slow down! Users of the township roadways must exercise caution and drive with care. ***We are not responsible for snow removal on any county roadways in Amador Township.***

### **SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES**

#### **1) DISPATCHING OF SNOW PLOWS**

The township will usually not 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.

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 ROAD SECTIONS WILL NOT BE SANDED.*** An appropriate mixture of trap rock or salt/sand will be used when deemed necessary.

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

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

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

***e) NOTE: On dead end roadways, the snow plow will turn around on private property only with the permission of the property owners—this is considered a safety feature for the snow plow equipment and operator.***

#### **3) PERSONAL PROPERTY**

a) 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.***

b) The Township is not liable for damages to fences, vehicles and/or other objects placed on Township right-of-way. (within 33 feet of the township roadway center line)

c) Township Road maintenance personnel may assist stranded motorists by contacting law enforcement/emergency personnel. Township workers ***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 drive-ways 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 snow-plows.

- 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.

#### **5) INFORMATION**

6) Questions or concerns regarding snow removal and/or road conditions should be directed to Amador Township Road Supervisors Lin Strong (651) 269-3580, Gene Fisk (651) 583-2229 or Peter Johnson (612) 308-3527.

*Adopted by Township Board of Supervisors, Lin Strong, Peter Johnson, Gene Fisk*