

PONTO LAKE TOWNSHIP SNOW PLOWING POLICY

The following is a summary of the Snow Plowing Policy of Ponto Lake Township. A complete copy of the Policy is available on request from the Town Clerk.

WHEN PLOWING BEGINS

Plowing begins after a snowfall has stopped and then only when three or more inches of snow has fallen, or other conditions warrant. Plowing will not be undertaken when hazardous for the plow operators. In severe conditions, plowing may occur first to make roads passable and then later to widen the plowed surface. Plowing normally will take place only during daylight hours and within 24 hours after a snowfall has stopped.

The Township reserves the right to alter its policy in particular circumstances depending upon the type of snow, wind, and times of day the snow falls.

WHAT ROADS DOES THE TOWNSHIP PLOW

The Township plows only township roads. Dead-end roads are plowed through to the established turnaround site for that road. Minimum maintenance roads are not plowed.

PLOWING PROCEDURE

All township roads are gravel and are not plowed to achieve a bare gravel surface, but only to clear snow from the roads surface to permit reasonable travel. Township roads normally will accumulate a snowpack and may attain a slippery or icy surface from plowing, vehicular travel, or weather conditions. The Township may apply sand only in extreme conditions, and township roads normally may be slippery, especially at corners and at approaches to intersections.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

The Township will repair, at its expense, only those fences and mailboxes that are properly located and installed and which are damaged by actual contact with plowing equipment. Damage to any property, sod, lawns, etc. resulting from flying snow, flying road surface material, or flying objects on the road and covered by snow, or from deposit of snow, road surface material, or such objects on property adjoining the roads, is not the responsibility of the Township.

CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITY

It is unlawful to plow snow onto or across a road, to throw shoveled snow onto a road, and to use a snow thrower to deposit snow on the road or right of way. Citizens are expected to comply with all legal requirements. The property owner may be liable for death, injury, and property damage caused by snow piles placed on the road or right of way.

Plow operators attempt to leave minimal snow across regularly used driveways. The Township is not responsible for removing snow from driveways or other property, and the property owner is responsible for removing this snow.