

SNOW PLOWING REMINDER

The Town of Thomson reminds all snow removal operators/property owners that it is unlawful to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street.

Minnesota law prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. **This includes the ditch and right-of-way area along the roadside.**

This would include pushing the snow from your driveway across the street onto the right-of-way of a vacant lot. **The snow from your driveway needs to remain on your property.**

According to state law, violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction and safe accessibility. Special attention should be made to keep crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed.

We appreciate your cooperation in this manner.