

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
Snow Removal Policy

Snow and ice control operations will normally not begin until the snow has stopped falling or until at least three inches of snow has accumulated. Snow will be plowed in a manner as to minimize obstruction of traffic. Snow and ice control operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of employees or pose an unreasonable risk of damaging equipment. Any decision to delay or suspend operations shall be made by the road superintendent and will be based upon actual or predicted weather conditions, equipment failure, the need to rest snowplow crews, or other unanticipated events. Reasonable effort will be made to dispatch necessary personnel and equipment to assist emergency vehicles if requested by law enforcement.

Snow will be plowed as close as is practicable to mailboxes located in the road right-of-way. The township will not be responsible for damage to mailboxes and fences that are not located and installed to established standards. Snowplowing unavoidably results in snow to be deposited on driveways and approaches. It is not the responsibility of the township to remove this snow.

The township must consider the cost, environmental impact, public safety, and availability of staff and equipment when deciding if, when, and to what extent to apply sand and salt. Priority will be given to hills, controlled intersections, bridges, and curves.

It is unlawful for anyone to deposit any snow or ice in a public road right-of-way or to otherwise obstruct a public road. Depositing snow or ice in a public road right-of-way increases snowplowing costs, creates a potential public safety hazard, and could damage equipment.

In order to facilitate proper snow and ice control operation, it is the responsibility of residents to keep the road right-of-way clear of vehicles, trailers, trash cans, and all objects of personal property. If the township determines personal property left in the road right-of-way poses an unreasonable risk to public safety or interferes with snowplowing operations, the object(s) will be determined to be a public nuisance pursuant to Minnesota statute 609.74 and will be removed at the owner's expense.

The township assumes no responsibility for damages from snow and ice control to sod, trees, or other landscaping materials or vegetation. The township assumes no responsibility, whether by direct or indirect contact with snow or ice control equipment, for damage to aboveground or underground lawn sprinkling systems, exterior lighting systems, or other items of personal property located in a road right-of-way.

This snow removal policy will periodically be reviewed by the Town Board of Bradford.

Thomas L. Anderson, Clerk