

**TOWN OF DANIELS**  
**WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICY**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Town of Daniels' roads are subject to freezing rain, ice, snow and drifting any time from November 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 of ice and snow.

**SNOW AND ICE CONTROL**

The Town is responsible for approximately 66 miles of road. By Wis. Stat. 893.83, the Town has three (3) weeks to remove natural snow and ice accumulations. The Town's goal is to maintain the roads in good winter driving conditions as weather, equipment and budgets allow.

Planning and preparing for snow and ice operations are difficult due to the uniqueness of each storm. No two storms are ever identical. Factors such as rate of snowfall, moisture content, accumulation, temperatures, time of day and wind velocity determine the uniqueness of each storm.

During snow and ice storms, the road crew will respond to emergency conditions to the extent practical. The Town may not respond to unverified emergency requests directly from the public. The requests should come from the appropriate emergency agency (i.e., fire, police, etc.). The Town will not take any responsibility for removal of snow that is plowed into driveways during road clearing operations.

It is unlawful to deposit snow on roadway during or after snow event. It is the owner's responsibility to remove snow from end of driveways and around mailboxes.

**ICE ON ROADS**

The Town uses an abrasive sand treated with salt. The salt is necessary to keep the sand from freezing. The sand may be applied at curves, intersections, hills and steep grades. Certain weather conditions may allow the salted sand to promote a thawing or clearing of compacted snow and/or ice.

There is no State or Federal law that requires the Town to apply salt and/or salted sand. Sand and/or salted sand will only be applied in accordance with budget and/or availability.

## **SNOW REMOVAL**

The Town Chairperson or designee has the authority to suspend snow and ice control operations in severe storm conditions when there is a danger to snowplow 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 as to the length of snow and ice removal operations.

## **PRIVATE ROADS**

All private roads, whose owners seek Town snow removal, need to be inspected and approved by the Town prior to the winter season. The Town will remove snow from Town roads before private roads. If a private road is to be plowed by the Town, it has to meet Town plowing specifications or the Town will not plow it.

Any damages to the plow vehicle while plowing private roads due to an obstruction will also be the responsibility of the property owner. The Town is not liable for damage to private property.

## **MAILBOXES**

The Town will not be responsible for damage caused to mailboxes during snow removal unless mailbox was struck by snow removal equipment. Snow cast by snowplow that damages mailbox will not be covered. The replacement of mailboxes by the Town shall be limited to a \$25 payment for those boxes actually struck by the plow.

The Town urges following USPS requirements for placement of mailboxes:

- 41” – 45” above roadway to bottom of mailbox.
- 24” from pavement to the front of mailbox with closed door.
- 4”x4” wooden post or a 2” diameter standard steel or aluminum post.
- Avoid yielding and potentially dangerous supports. For example, heavy metal pipes, concrete posts, and farm equipment (i.e., milk cans filled with concrete).