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Franconia Township

Snow Removal Policy 2016-2017

**I. Policy Statement**

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 key roads are kept open to serve the citizens of Franconia Township and to provide access to our state highways.

Our Snow Plow Equipment consists of a truck with plow and sander and a road grader with a wing plow. We supplement our plowing with limited applications of salt or salt/sand mix.

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP DOES NOT ASSURE A BARE ROAD AND WILL NOT NORMALLY SALT OR SAND ENTIRE SECTIONS OF ROADWAY. Users of our road system are reminded to exercise caution and to drive with care. It may not be possible to drive the posted speed limit at all times.

**II. Policy Guidelines**

A. Dispatching of snow plows

Franconia Township dispatches snowplows after the snowfall has stopped. Snowplows will not be sent out in situations that are deemed to be hazardous.

If snowfall stops during regular working hours, plows may be dispatched at that time. If the snowfall stops during the night or early morning hours, plows will be dispatched at an early morning time according to the conditions. Weekend plowing will be handled in a similar fashion. Snowplows will normally stay off of High-Traffic Routes during peak traffic hours to avoid congestion and visibility problems.

B. Operations

Generally, the clearing of roads consist of the following three phases:

1. Make the road passable

Clean one lane in each direction. A plow and a wing are used.

2. Widen the lanes to edge of shoulder

Sanding may be done at problem locations on paved roads including intersections, curves hills, and bridges. An appropriate mixture of salt to sand is used, depending on temperature and/or the amount of snow or ice.

3. Clean up under normal circumstances  
Remove ice and slush off roadway after salt and sand have been allowed to work. Depending upon the situation, more than one phase may be accomplished at one time.
4. Franconia Township will not plow off road trails, bike paths, walking paths, etc. after November 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year.

C. Personal Properties

Franconia Township will not be fixing/repairing any damaged mailboxes/supports unless you have a Minnesota Department of Transportation approved swinging arm mailbox support, and then Franconia Township will only fix/repair these mailboxes/supports if and only if the plow itself physically has hit the mailboxes/support and caused the damage.

Franconia Township is not liable for damages to fences, vehicles, and/or other objects placed on Franconia Township right-of-way.

D. Resident Plowing

Franconia Township residents are reminded that it is unlawful under Minnesota Statute 160.2715 (A) (1) to plow snow from driveways onto or across public roads. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. 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.

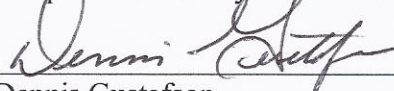
E. Safety

Franconia Township residents are reminded to yield right-of-way of the snowplow for safety.

F. Information


Questions or concerns regarding snow removal and/or road conditions should be directed to the Township Chairman or to the Supervisors.

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2016

  
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Dennis Gustafson,  
Chairman

11-1-16  
Date

Attested by:

  
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Melissa Glenna, Clerk

11-1-16  
Date

