

# Columbia County Policy on Snow Plowing November 2020

## PRIORITIZING COUNTY ROADS FOR SNOW PLOWING.

As time and funding allows efforts will be made to plow all paved and gravel roads having 4 inches or more of snow and are classified as a Level 2 or 3 in the current Winter Closure Resolution. Generally the first roads to be plowed in order of precedence are:

1. School bus routes
2. Mail routes
3. Roads with permitted year round residences.
4. Remaining roads.

Accumulations of less than 4 inches on pavement will also be plowed as directed by the County Engineer or Operations Manager.

Overtime will be limited to Level 3 gravel roads meeting the requirements above and the following paved roadways:

1. N. Touchet Road
2. Egger/Whetstone/Kellogg Hollow Road Segment
3. Thorn Hollow Road
4. Emergency Response

In addition when Ice conditions are present on the following roadways:

1. Bowman Grade Road
2. McKay Road

## RESPONSE TO CITIZEN REPORTS

All citizen reports of potential hazardous situations will be reported to the Public Works Office. The "Complaint or Request" form will be filled out, and the appropriate personnel notified. During snow season a report list may be used in lieu of the "Complaint or Request" form. This report list will at minimum include the name of the complainant, date and time of the report, description of hazard, employee designated to respond, time designated employee notified, and initials of person receiving report. All reports of snow and/or ice hazard will be responded to as soon as possible during normal working hours.

In the event of two or more reports, the Operations Manager or Public Works Director shall prioritize the reports using the following:




1. Immediate (when injury accident is imminent)– sheriff will be notified to respond to scene and condition shall be corrected as soon as possible.
2. Priority – should be corrected outside of normal business hours or as soon thereafter as possible.
3. Routine – may wait till next business day.

Action taken and time completed will be logged on form or report list.

## DRIVEWAYS AND INTERSECTIONS

Due to safety concerns, the County will not as a rule clear driveways or plow wrinkles (the small berm of snow side cast by the plow) in approaches to County roads.

  
County Engineer  
Date 12-21-2020

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