

RESOLUTION OF CAMDEN TOWNSHIP FOR ADOPTING A
SNOWPLOWING POLICY

PURPOSE

To establish criteria for dispatch of snow removal equipment, to establish priority of operations during a winter storm and to establish standards for winter maintenance of Roads.

Criteria, priority, and standards are selected to provide reasonable and cost effective snow removal on Roads, consistent with traffic volumes and storm conditions.

1. Introduction

The Township of Camden believes that it is in the best interest of the residents for the Township to assume basic responsibility for control of snow and ice on township roads. Reasonable ice and snow control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services. The Township will provide such control in a safe and cost effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns. The Township will use township employees, equipment and/or private contractors to provide this service.

2. When will township start snow or ice control operations?

The Township Maintenance Person will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations. The criteria for that decision are:

- A. Snow accumulation of 3 inches or more;
- B. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel;
- C. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel or as icy conditions require;
- D. Time of snowfall in relationship to heavy use of roads.

Snow and ice control operations are expensive and involve the use of limited personnel and equipment. Consequently, snowplowing operations will not generally be conducted for snowfall of less than 3 inches.

3. How snow will be plowed.

Snow will be plowed in a manner as to minimize any traffic obstructions. When a plow goes on a bridge, the driver shall slow down so that snow does not go over the bridge if possible. In times of extreme snowfall, roads will not always immediately be able to be completely cleared of snow. Winging and storm clean-up shall be accomplished during daylight hours - except Sunday or Holidays.

Mail boxes will be repaired or replaced if actually struck by plowing equipment. Damage due to flying snow or ice shall be responsibility of the mail box owner.

4. Priorities and schedule for which roads will be plowed.

Snowplowing will be done in a rotational method - beginning in a different area each snowstorm. After heavy snowstorms the main roads will be opened first-cartways the second time around.

Priority #1: All Township Roads
Priority #2: Cartways

5. Work schedule for snowplow operators.

Snowplow operators will be expected to work eight hour shifts. In severe snow emergencies, operators sometimes have to work in excess of 8 hour shifts. However, because of budget and and safety concerns, no operator shall work more than a 12 hour shift in any twenty-four hour period. Operators will take a fifteen minute break every two hours with a half hour meal break after four hours. After a 12 hour day, the operators will be replaced if additional qualified personnel are available.

6. Weather conditions.

Snow and ice control operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of township employees and equipment. Factors that may delay snow and ice control operations include; severe cold, significant winds and limited visibility.

7. Use of sand, salt and other chemicals.

The Township will use sand when there are hazardous ice or slippery conditions. The Township is concerned about the effect of chemicals on the environment and roads and will not use them for that reason.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Camden this
12 day of October 1995.

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