

Snow Removal Policy

Priorities

Jefferson County Road and Bridge has the following road priorities for snow removal:

First: High volume arterial roads; sanding of high volume intersections, railroad crossings, school approaches, sharp curves, steep grades.

Second: High to medium traveled collector roads.

Third: Low volume local roads, primarily subdivision roads, secondary roads and areas for recreation.

The normal snow removal process includes the following:

1. Monitor weather forecasts to anticipate the potential size and duration of expected storms.
2. During severe winter storms with high winds and/or minimal visibility, no equipment is mobilized until conditions improve to the point that snow removal operations don't endanger the operators, equipment or the public. Waiting until after the storm or the end of the storm does not undo the snow removal efforts of the plows.
3. Remove as much snow and ice as possible from the road surface. This may take several days and may also include "widening" the roadway (pushing the snow to the limits of the right-of-way).

Road and Bridge will not remove snow from private roads and driveways including those portions in the public right-of-way.

Obstructions: Citing Ordinance No. 09-03, Roadway obstructions present a serious hazard for equipment operators. Obstructions can include landscaping, mailboxes, fences, parked vehicles, piled snow, etc. Snow or other materials moved, pushed or plowed across the County maintained road from a residence or business will be in violation of above ordinance. Road and Bridge will not assume any responsibility for damage to obstructions located in the Right-of-Way. Property owners who create obstructions in the public Right-of-Way can be issued a citation from the Sheriff's office and could be liable for any injuries or damages occurring to equipment or persons because of the obstruction.

Personal Property: Personal property outside of the Right-of-Way will be repaired if the damage is from Road and Bridge equipment actually hitting the property. The County is not responsible for damage done while removing the snow from the road, including slush and any incidental build up.