

TOWN OF MILAN

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Snow & Ice Control Policy for Town of Milan

Purpose

The purpose and intent of this policy is to outline the procedures used for snow and ice control, and an understanding of how they apply to the Town of Milan.

Goal

It is the goal of the Town of Milan Highway Department to provide cost effective winter maintenance in a timely manner to achieve passable, reasonably safe roadways during the snow and ice season for the benefit of the Town's residents and the general motoring public. However, at times the roads will be slippery and drivers will have to exercise caution, as the Town of Milan does not have a bare roads policy.

Procedure

The Superintendent of Highways or a designated representative will perform all supervision of winter maintenance activities.

Equipment

The Town uses five plow trucks, each equipped with a front mounted one-way plow, right side wing, and sander for the majority of its snow and ice control operations. A smaller dump truck with an all angle plow and slide in sander is used for checking roads and maintaining Town owned properties.

Personnel

The Superintendent of Highways along with four full time employees operates the town's equipment. Additional help is called in as needed to plow and treat town properties and to assist during extraordinary snow and ice events.

Materials and Application Rates

On paved and chip-sealed roads, the typical material to be used shall be salt. The salt may be treated with magnesium chloride at a rate of six gallons per ton, or a 50/50 mix of sand/salt may be used when extended periods of extreme cold weather is forecasted. For gravel roads, sand treated with magnesium chloride at a rate of eight gallons per cubic yard shall be used. A 50/50 mix of sand/salt shall be used for all road surfaces in a severe icing event.

The rate of application of the materials depends on many factors such as type of precipitation, temperature, duration and intensity of the storm. With salt, either an application of 500 pounds per two-lane mile or 1000 pounds per two-lane mile, based on the above-mentioned factors shall be used. Sand applications shall be 2000 pounds per lane mile. When a 50/50 mixture is necessary, it shall be applied at 2000 pounds per two-lane mile.

Routes

The Town of Milan is divided into five plow routes, four routes being approximately thirteen miles in length each and taking about four hours to complete. The fifth route is approximately eight miles in length and consists of gravel roads only. The town also maintains eight miles of county roads, Academy Hill Road & South Road, which are included in the plow routes. The following is a list of road names for each route:

Route One

Knob Hill Road, North Road, Indian Road, Mountain Road, Ferris Lane, Willow Glen Road, Old Jackson Corners Road, King Road, Church Road, Academy Hill Road.

Route Two

Battenfeld Road, Ridge Road, Woody Row Road, Broadview Lane, Becker Hill Road, Mitchell Lane, Fitzsimmons Road, Torre Rock Road, Odak Farm Road, Williams Road, Shookville Road, Webster Coon Road.

Route Three

Morehouse Lane, Salisbury Turnpike, Brooklyn Heights Road, Rocann Drive, Old Mill Road, Rock City Road, Sawmill Road, Saint Paul Road, Louise Terrace, Olsen Road, Hillcrest Lane, Cases Corners Road, Lakeside Drive, Boice Road, Enterprise Road, Lamoree Road, Molland Drive, Pink Lane.

Route Four

South Road, Cold Spring Road, Hicks Hill Road, Tribune Lane, Salisbury Turnpike, Warner Road, Field Road, Quarfelt Road, Willow Brook Road, Rowe Road, Matecki Road.

Route Five

Rowe Road, Shookville Road, Fulton Homestead Road, Boice Road, Pond Road, Fishwoods Road, Wilbur Flats Road (seasonal), Old Knobb Hill Road.

Level of Service

Paved Roads During Snow Storms

The initial effort for paved roads shall be an application of salt to prevent the bonding of snow and ice to the pavement. Subsequent efforts during the storm will be the plowing of snow and re-application of salt at intervals frequent enough during the storm to maintain passable road conditions. After the storm has passed, a final plowing to remove any loose snow and ice shall be made along with a final application of salt.

Gravel Roads During Snow Storms

The effort on gravel roads will be the plowing of snow at the same intervals as the paved roads with an application of sand on the final pass only.

All Roads During Heavy Icing

The effort on all roads shall be to treat with 50/50 sand/salt mix at the start of the storm, then at intervals frequent enough during the storm to maintain passable road conditions, until the storm has passed.

Follow-up After Storms

All routes shall be checked for ice problems and/or drifting conditions during normal work hours and shall be plowed and treated as necessary.

The following is a partial list of conditions, which could exist, that may hinder the efforts outlined in this policy.

- Equipment breakdown
- Personnel illness
- Shortage of materials
- Snow accumulation in excess of 1" per hour
- Assisting emergency responders as per policy adopted on 7/10/06
- Disabled vehicle
- An event that is expected to last more than 24 hours

Property Damage

The plows used by the Town of Milan are designed to deposit snow onto the shoulder area of the roadway, approximately four feet from the traveled portion of the road. This is typically the same area mailboxes are placed, as well as fences, shrubs, and garbage to be picked up. The snowplow drivers make great efforts to avoid the obstacles, however sometimes damage does occur.

It is the town's policy to repair or replace items (mailboxes, fences) constructed in this snow storage area if notified within 72 hours, and there is evidence of the plow actually contacting these items. Items damaged by snow alone will not be repaired or replaced. The town will not be responsible for damage to garbage cans and /or shrubs, lawns or other landscaping unless there is evidence of the plow truck leaving the traveled portion of the road.

Other Considerations

The Town of Milan has adopted the following:

1. Parking regulations, in effect from November 15 to April 15, which state that "Parking on any public right-of-way is not permitted in the Town of Milan" and that "If your vehicle is parked in the right-of-way, it may be towed at your expense!"
2. "Property owners must make certain that their private driveway snow removal does not in any way block any public right-of-way. Cost of removing snow that has been plowed from a private driveway onto a public right-of-way may be charged back to the homeowner!"

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