

TOWN OF TREMPEALEAU

SNOW/ICE POLICY

Snow Removal: The Town of Trempealeau endeavors to maintain safe driving surfaces for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions. This does not mean bare, dry pavement should be expected immediately after each snowfall or ice storm. Furthermore, this does not mean that the roads will be completely free of ice and snow. Motorists are expected to modify their driving practices in accordance with the road conditions.

Plowing: Plowing shall consist of moving the snow or ice to either side of the roadway. Under normal plowing efforts, snow and ice will be deposited on driveways during snow and ice removal operations. This will **not** be removed by the Town. Cul-de-sacs present a special problem for snow removal crews. Plowing in cul-de-sacs will be done to create a passable lane so that residents and emergency equipment will have access during the storm. Snow left in the center will be removed periodically after an accumulation of snow, as long as there is a passable lane. Snow from driveways must be kept on their own land. No depositing snow on cul-de-sacs.

Placing Material in Road: It is unlawful for any person, firm or other agency, public or private, to throw, plow or otherwise discharge snow and/or ice from private property onto any roadway in the Town of Trempealeau. State Statute 346.94(5).

Mailbox: It is a privilege, not a right, for residents to have any object in a right-of-way, including mailboxes. The Town of Trempealeau or its designee will replace, at no charge, a mailbox, which is damaged as a result of **being struck** by a plow with a standard mailbox and standard post as determined by the town. The Town shall not replace decorative mailboxes or posts of any kind. Should the investigation determine that the Town equipment damaged a decorative mailbox, the property owner shall receive a check not to exceed \$50.00. Mailboxes tipped, damaged, or knocked down by the mere weight of the snow or are determined to have been improperly installed, have deteriorated posts and mount material, or were not physically hit by the Town equipment **will not** be repaired or replaced by the Town of Trempealeau or its designee.

Damage to items in the right-of-way: Items installed or kept on any town right-of-way may be subject to damage from snowplows. Subsequently, any item other than grass and mailboxes will not be replaced or repaired by the Town when struck by a plow. Underground sprinklers will not be replaced or repaired. Homeowners may also be liable for damage to Town equipment that results from striking obstructions in the right-of-way.

Private Driveways, Parking Lots and Roads: Winter maintenance, including snow removal, from private driveways, parking lots and roads is the property owner's responsibility. Ice control assistance from the Town of Trempealeau will be on an as-needed basis.

Emergency Access: The Town of Trempealeau may in its sole discretion, perform minimal winter maintenance on such roadways of the Town that normally do not receive such services, on a case by case basis. These services, if performed, will be strictly to maintain safe access for emergency equipment and personnel. This may be considered where snow is in excess of 4 to 5 inches, or severe icing would impede vehicles equipped for severe weather. This practice is not designed to accommodate the inconvenience associated with private roads that have no or inadequate maintenance. It is strictly to ensure the health and safety of the residents of the Town of Trempealeau and to ensure the safety of emergency personnel. The Town of Trempealeau reserves the right to charge the private property owner(s) for services provided as a result of no or inadequate maintenance activities.

Public Sand: As long as such materials are readily available, mixed sand/salt for noncommercial residential use will be available at the west end of the Town Shop parking lot. Each resident obtaining the sand/salt mix shall be limited to two, 5-gallon size, buckets per visit in an effort to provide as many residents as possible the opportunity to participate in this service. Any resident identified as abusing this service will be requested to cease use immediately. Any larger amounts must be requested through the town shop employees and will be billed at the current County rate. Under no circumstances will sand be distributed from the Town Shop, or will any Town employee load a private vehicle.

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