

Sunrise Township

Snow Plowing Policy

SNOW PLOW POLICY STATEMENT: Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota, has the safety of the traveling public and Township residents as its main concern and priority.

GOAL: The Township's goal is to have all Township roads passable within a reasonable amount of time after snowfall stops. Plowing priorities reflect a commitment to keeping key roads open to serve critical facilities and provide access between our community and County and State roads and highways.

THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT ASSURE A COMPLETELY BARE ROAD AND WILL NOT NORMALLY SAND THE ENTIRE SECTION OF ROADWAY.

SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURE

- 1. PLOWING:** The Township will not plow until after a snowfall has stopped. During extended periods of snowfall, exceptions may be made when accumulations exceed four (4) inches, or when snow is particularly heavy, wet or icy.

Snow plows will not be sent out in conditions deemed by Township Maintenance to be hazardous. Snow plowing may be stopped during low visibility or conditions otherwise determined to be hazardous by the Snow Plow Operator.

If snowfall stops during regular working hours, plows may be dispatched at that time. If the snowfall stops during night or early morning hours, plows will be dispatched at an early morning time according to the conditions. Weekend plowing will be handled in a similar fashion.

NOTE: The Township's Policy is to not use salt on gravel roads as salt causes them to become extremely muddy for extended periods due to the salt taking the frost out of the road.

- 2. RESIDENT / PRIVATE PLOWING:** State Law prohibits, and Township Policy forbids Township equipment and Drivers from plowing private roads or drives.
- 3.** Residents are reminded that **it is unlawful** to plow snow from driveways into or across Township roads. This can create safety hazards from the ruts made in the road and the gravel on the road is pushed into the ditches. Sunrise Township will not be responsible for damage to substandard mailbox installations.

- 4. MEDICAL PRIORITIES:** Upon written request, the Township will attempt to facilitate medical care and the providing of access during Medical Emergencies. The Township will not be deemed to know of any Medical problems unless a written Notice is delivered to the Township Clerk.

Any such notice shall be deemed to automatically expire at the end of each snow plow season and will need to be renewed annually by written notice.

- 5. INFORMATION:** Questions regarding snow removal and / or road conditions should be directed to the Township Garage at (651) 674-0113.

Adopted this 20th day of November 2014.

Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson, Chair

Jeske Noordergraaf, Vice Chair

Joel Peterson

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Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk