



**TODD TOWNSHIP
804 Crocus Hill Township Roads E.
Park Rapids, Minnesota 56470**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-05
TODD TOWNSHIP
SNOWPLOW AND SANDING POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Township of Todd desires to establish a snowplow and sanding policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Todd hereby establishes the following as its Snowplow and Sanding Policy;

The Todd Township Board of Supervisors of Todd Township, Hubbard County, finds that it is in the best interest of the residents of the town 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 attempt to provide such control in a safe and cost effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel, and environmental concerns. The Town will use private contractors to provide this service. This policy does not relieve the operator of private vehicles, pedestrians, property owners, residents and all others that may be using public Township Roads, of their responsibility to act in a reasonable prudent and cautious manner, given the prevailing Township Roads conditions.

Snowplowing and sanding will be done when weather conditions warrant and for all snowfalls greater than two inches. Plowing will be done at the discretion of the Township Roads personnel when fewer than two inches of snow falls, drifting of snow that causes problems for travel and icy conditions which seriously affect travel. The decision to plow can be made by any member of the Town Board and/or the Road Contractor. The snowplows will not be sent out until the snowfall has stopped unless it is an extended snowfall or an anticipated snowfall of greater than four (4) inches.

The snowplows will not be sent out during a time when it is determined that poor visibility would make it dangerous. The Township will not be responsible for any of the below situations during the normal course of snow removal from Township roads:

- Snow thrown in driveways;
- Repair or replacement of mailboxes, fences, etc. damaged by thrown snow or for damage caused by snow removal equipment hitting the above objects that are not properly located and/or installed. Mailboxes installed along roadways are at the risk of the owner. Mailboxes damaged from lack of owner maintenance, snow load from plowing, or vandalism is not the responsibility of the Township. Postal regulations require residents to clear snow in front of mailboxes to allow mail delivery.

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- Damage to any type of landscaping done within the Township roadway that obstructs the plowing of snow.

Todd Township residents are reminded that it is illegal and punishable as a misdemeanor under Minnesota Statute §160.27, which prohibits plowing, shoveling, blowing or placing snow onto public roadways. Snow piles left on or near the side of the road create a hazard to both the vehicles and snowplow equipment. Residents are also reminded to remove parked vehicles from the roadways during snowplowing operations. Roads where cars make it impossible for the snowplow equipment to pass will cause a delay for plowing of those roads.

Sanding will be done at the discretion of the Todd Town Board or at the discretion of the road personnel. Sanding will be done after plowing.

Limited sanding is done during a snowfall because falling snow covers the sand and it is scraped away on subsequent plowing passes, requiring additional sanding.

Operators will return to widen roads as conditions warrant. During a major storm, cleanup operations may be on-going for three to four days after the storm. During significant and severe storms, the Town must be prepared to move equipment to maintain priority routes first.

The first roads to be plowed will be alternated and left up to the discretion of the snowplow operator/contractor. Primary roads will be plowed first.

Complaints will be recorded on a telephone log. Calls requiring service will be transferred to a work request and forwarded to the appropriate party for resolution. If an emergency situation occurs, and the road is not yet plowed, call 911.

Equipment will be diverted for emergencies **ONLY WHEN REQUESTED BY AN EMERGENCY SERVICE AGENCY OR THE HUBBARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.**

Adopted this 13th day of June, 2011

In favor: 3 Abstained: 0
Opposed: 0 Absent: 0

Attest:
/s/ Pat Cadreau, Clerk

Todd Township
/s/James Schauer, Chairman

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