

CROOKED LAKE TOWNSHIP (CLT) SNOWPLOWING POLICY

Revised on January 9, 2020

The township snowplows will be sent out after a 3-inch snowfall or as CLT deems necessary. Plows will not be sent out in hazardous conditions. If snowfall ends during the night, plows will be sent out in early morning. Occasionally an accumulation of light snowfalls over several days will require plowing to clear the roads. Anytime a plowable snow occurs after road tops have thawed the grader will be the only machine used to remove snow. This will save the road tops/Class 5 from being plowed into the ditches.

CLT plows all 34 miles of Township roads and 6.5 miles of County Road #58 gravel surface from Morrison Lake Road to Aitkin County line.

Priority roads are 1) school bus routes and 2) routes with persons requiring regular medical attention. CLT shall plow school bus routes and/or hills as needed for safety reasons at CLT's discretion. The first plow trip is to open the roads. The second trip is to clean the roads. The roads will be plowed going into the road and again coming out of the road. Salt/sand treatment will be applied only to dangerous intersections and hills.

CLT will not snowplow private property except when requested by law enforcement or emergency personnel to provide access for emergency vehicles. If property is used with permission of the owner to turn around equipment, the Town may snowplow the private property as needed to accommodate the town's use of the land.

It is unlawful to deposit snow or ice on Town road surfaces. Under the provisions of MN Statute 160.2715, MN Statute 609.74 and MN Statute 169.42, damage caused by these deposits may result in liability to property owners and the cost of removing these deposits may be assessed to

property owners. Additionally, vehicles parked on Town roads may be towed at owner's expense to allow for proper plowing.

The township will repair only those mailboxes or fences that are properly located and installed and damaged by direct contact with township equipment. Notify CLT of damage for investigation and approval. Damage from flying snow is not the responsibility of the township. CLT has no responsibility for damage to any items in the road right-of-way including but not limited to lawn sprinklers, outdoor lighting, signs, sod, landscaping, vehicles or trailers. Additionally, if CLT determines that items left in the road right-of-way pose an unreasonable risk to public safety, or significantly interfere with snow plowing operations, CLT may remove the items at the owners expense.

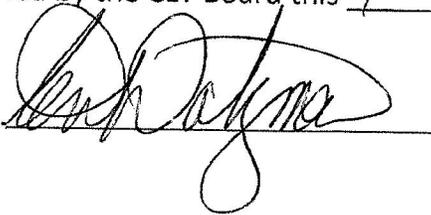
Individuals should not snowplow township roads unless contracted by the Town Board for that work.

The Town plow operator will not offer physical assistance or utilize any Town equipment to extract private vehicles or equipment that may be stuck in the snow, unless directed by law enforcement or a Town supervisor (the operator may offer assistance by placing a phone call for the stranded traveler). In emergency situations call 911.

Questions about this policy should be directed to a Town Supervisor or the town telephone/email, - contact information available on the Town internet web site, <http://crookedlake.govoffice2.com/> or at the Town bulletin board.

Adopted by the CLT Board this 9th day of Jan, 2020

Clerk



Chairman

