

Johnson County Snow Removal Policy

It is Johnson County's goal to provide for maximum efficiency of snow removal on county roads while operating with limited budget and physical resources. Our intent is to provide this service to the residents of Johnson County for their health, safety, and welfare upon the county roads. This policy is an attempt at a guideline for snow removal on roads that are in the Johnson County road system. However, this policy is not binding upon the Road and Bridge Supervisor and all ultimate decisions regarding the care and maintenance of the County Road system is left to his/her discretion. Therefore, based upon the foregoing, the Johnson County Snow Removal policy is hereby set forth as follows:

- Snow removal will be limited to normal weekday hours of Monday through Friday 6:00AM to 4:30PM. All work done after hours, on weekends or on holidays is at the discretion of the Road and Bridge Supervisor.
- Asphalt county roads will be plowed and sanded as conditions warrant.
- Gravel county roads will be plowed when an accumulation of four (4) inches of snow or more has fallen upon the county road.
- Seasonal county roads will **not** be plowed from the first snow fall until Memorial Day. Exceptions will only be made at the Supervisor's discretion.
- During major snowstorms during normal weekday hours, snow removal operations will concentrate on keeping the school bus routes open during normal school hours followed by mail routes then high volume county roads. All other county roads will be considered as a lower priority.
- County road surfaces will not be completely clear of ice or snow, nor will the surface of a bridge or roadway be continuously plowed.
- The Road and Bridge Supervisor may suspend snow removal operations during storm conditions that threaten life and property of the public, snow plow operators or emergency response personnel and equipment.
- Roads that are not county roads will **not** be plowed except in the case of an extreme emergency and then only as authorized by the Road and Bridge Supervisor with direction from the Board of County Commissioners.
- Roads that are school bus routes will **not** be plowed unless they are county roads. Private roads and subdivision roads that are not county roads are the responsibility of the landowners to maintain.
- Driveway entrances are the responsibility of the property owner. The possible exception is emergency situations.
- Any vehicle that causes an obstruction to a county road may be moved so the vehicle does not cause such obstruction. Johnson County is not responsible for any damage caused to the vehicle.
- Damage to mailboxes and fences will occasionally occur as a result of snow being thrown to the side of the road while plowing. This is a direct result of plowing activity, and not caused by driver error and will not be repaired by the County. Johnson County will repair damage related to plowing only if the mailbox or fence was installed to County standards and if the damage was a direct result of county equipment striking the mailbox or fence.