

LAMONT COUNTY

POLICY

- TITLE : WINTER SNOWPLOWING
- AUTHORITY : PUBLIC WORKS
- POLICY STATEMENT : LAMONT COUNTY SHALL SNOWPLOW ALL ROADWAYS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION, AS REQUIRED.
- PURPOSE : TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO ALL RESIDENCES AND PROPERTIES WITHIN THE COUNTY
- POLICY RESOLUTION : 89-470, 94-50, 94-63, 97-6, 97-479, 02-300
- PROCEDURE :
1. The county shall revert to nine (9) snowploughing zones for winter snowploughing for the period of December 1 to March 31. On April 1, the County shall revert back to eight (8) summer grading zones for summer maintenance for the period of April 1 to November 30. The County shall maintain one spare unit to be utilized in severe weather conditions.
 2. All County roads will be snowploughed according to the following priority list:
 - (i) Emergencies (Ambulance, Police, Fire, Utilities)
 - (ii) Secondary roads/main trading area roads
 - (iii) All other roads/school bus turnarounds
 - (iv) Driveways (flagged)
 - (v) Special requests (churches, cemeteries, community halls)
 3. The Public Works Road Foreman or his designate shall coordinate all snowplowing/sanding operations in the County and shall determine when snowplowing/sanding operations shall begin after a snowfall/storm.
 4. On October of each year, the Deputy County manager shall prepare a list of standby operators for:
 - (i) Motor grader snowplowing

- (ii) Sanding truck snowplowing
- (iii) High speed motor scraper snowplowing

The rate of pay for standby operators shall be determined annually by Council, as per Policy 5105.

5. A basic orientation session shall be provided annually for all new standby operators to familiarize them with County policy, procedures and equipment.
6. Each year the Deputy County Manager shall prepare a standby schedule for the weekend/holiday sanding and/or plowing of roads with trucks.
7. Divisional rural roads shall be snowplowed on a rotational basis (e.g. east to west and north to south, then reverse the procedure for the next snowfall).
8. School bus turnarounds shall be plowed out only the distance where the bus actually turns around.
9. During severe blizzard conditions, snowplowing shall not begin until the snowfall/storm has subsided.
10. Under severe weather conditions, and at the discretion of the Public Works Road Foreman, snowplowing/sanding operations may continue 24 hours a day to expedite the clearing of excess snowfall and drifting. Standby operators may be engaged as necessary during these periods of time.
11. Sanding of rural intersections, rural hills, school bus turnarounds and limited sections of gravel roads during extreme icy conditions shall be at the discretion of the Public Works Road Foreman.