

# Winter Road Maintenance

***“Creating safe and passable roads within a reasonable period recognizing that each winter storm has its unique characteristics.”***

**Certain roads in the County have a greater volume of traffic and require a higher priority for maintenance to serve the users. The concern of safety, general welfare, and duration of travel necessitate that priority be given to certain roads. However, in order to provide efficient operations, it may be necessary to partially complete a lower priority road to reach a road of higher priority. Snow and ice removal should generally be based on the following priority:**

**Priority 1**-Roads with a functional classification of major collector (FFC 07) and school bus routes

**Priority 2**-Roads with a functional classification of minor collector (FFC 08)

**Priority 3**-All other roads normally given snow and ice control (FFC 09)

**Private Roads & County RW with Private Maintenance**- Not maintained by County Road Department (Includes State Highways & City/Town Streets)



# Winter Maintenance

480 miles of maintained County Roads

Three maintenance facilities: Newport (D1), Usk (D2) and Lone (D3)  
Equipment available includes snowplows, sander trucks and graders

## SCHEDULING

Crews work a single shift Monday-Friday. After hours, weekends, and holidays are on an as-needed callout basis for extreme conditions only.

## PLOWING

Plowing or sanding of non-maintained County roads, private roads and driveways will not be performed by POC Public Works.

## SANDING

The County uses sand to improve traction on ice and compact snow.

## BERMS

The County does not have the resources available to remove snow berms from driveways and private roads.

## SNOW STORAGE

The snow is plowed from the center of the road to the ditch lines. Graders will return, when time allows, and push snow back with a wing blade, making room to plow succeeding snowfalls.

# You Can Help

Winter Road Maintenance is expensive, dangerous and time consuming.

The public can help make the overall operation safer for all.

**See the full Winter Maintenance Policy below**

## STATE LAW

Prohibits placing snow or ice on any public road or sidewalk that impedes traffic or makes it unsafe. Prohibits vehicles from parking in a marked "SNOW PLOW TURN AROUND"

## PARKED VEHICLES

Vehicles parked on a roadway or County Right of Way should be removed for the winter. Vehicles may be towed if it creates a traffic hazard.

## SAFETY

Please observe and follow snow plowing operations from a safe distance. DO NOT build tunnels, forts, or play in snow berms along the roadside.

## CULVERTS

Keep culverts and drainage structures clear of stacked snow.

## DAMAGES

Mailbox damage will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The Public Works Dept. assumes no responsibility for the removal of snow deposited in driveways because of snow plowing.



# Our Equipment



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