

TOWN OF TREMPEALEAU

SNOW/ICE POLICY

Snow Removal: The Town of Trempealeau endeavors to maintain safe driving surfaces for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions. This does not mean bare, dry pavement should be expected immediately after each snowfall or ice storm. Furthermore, this does not mean that the roads will be completely free of ice and snow. Motorists are expected to modify their driving practices in accordance with the road conditions.

Plowing: Plowing shall consist of moving the snow or ice to either side of the roadway. Under normal plowing efforts, snow and ice will be deposited on driveways during snow and ice removal operations. This will **not** be removed by the Town. Cul-de-sacs present a special problem for snow removal crews. Snow from driveways must be kept on their own land. No depositing snow on cul-de-sacs.

Placing Material in Road: It is unlawful for any person, firm or other agency, public or private, to throw, plow or otherwise discharge snow and/or ice from private property onto any roadway in the Town of Trempealeau. State Statute 346.94(5).

Mailbox: It is a privilege, not a right, for residents to have any object in a right-of-way, including mailboxes. The Town of Trempealeau or its designee will replace, at no charge, a mailbox, which is damaged as a result of **being struck** by a plow with a standard mailbox and standard post as determined by the town. The Town shall not replace decorative mailboxes or posts of any kind. Should the investigation determine that the Town equipment damaged a decorative mailbox, the property owner shall receive a check not to exceed \$50.00. Mailboxes tipped, damaged, or knocked down by the mere weight of the snow or are determined to have been improperly installed, have deteriorated posts and mount material, or were not physically hit by the Town equipment **will not** be repaired or replaced by the Town of Trempealeau or its designee.

Damage to items in the right-of-way: Items installed or kept on any town right-of-way may be subject to damage from snowplows. Subsequently, any item other than grass and mailboxes will not be replaced or repaired by the Town when struck by a plow. Underground sprinklers will not be replaced or repaired. Homeowners may also be liable for damage to Town equipment that results from striking obstructions in the right-of-way.

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