

Big lake Township's Snow and Ice Control Policy:

1. Snowplowing will generally be done when there is an accumulation of two inches or more.
2. Ice control (sanding) will take place when travel is **seriously** affected using normal winter driving care. Because of environmental concerns, chemical use on roads will be limited to preventing dangerous driving conditions.
3. Snowplowing and ice control operations will cease if severe wind or cold endangers the maintenance personnel.
4. Plowing and sanding are scheduled to have roads in the best travel condition during heavy use periods.
5. Roads are classified as to function and use---collector streets (to county roads and state highways) will be plowed first; residential streets are second priority and cul de sacs will be plowed last.
6. It is against the law for private snowplows to move snow across, or deposit snow on public roads. The placing of snow and ice would be considered a problem if it were deemed a safety hazard on the traveled right of way, and could cause property damage and/or visibility problems. If the Town must remove snow placed in roads, it will assess the cost to the property owner. (MN § 160.27 Sub. 5 and MN § 169.42).
7. Mailbox damage – the Township will consider mailbox claims only if the snowplowing equipment physically hits the mailbox or post and only if the box conformed to the Town of Big Lake Mailbox Post Installation Ordinance 2001-2. Claims must be filed within 24 hours of the incident. If you live on a Township road, call the Town Clerk at 763-263-8111. If you live on a County road, call the Sherburne County Highway Department at 763-241-7000 or 800-594-5208.