SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

TOWNSHIP OF SHAFER

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The goal of Shafer Township is to have all roads passable within a reasonable time after a snowfall.  The Township of Shafer does not assure a completely bare road and will not sand entire sections of roadway.  Users of the road system are expected to use and exercise caution when on Township roads.  The legal speed limit is not possible at all times.

**SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES**

1. **Dispatching of Snowplows:**

Snowplows will be dispatched after the snowfall has stopped.  During extended periods of snowfall, exceptions may be made.

If snowfall stops during regular working hours, plows will be dispatched.  If snowfall stops during night time or early morning hours, plows will be dispatched between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.  Weekend plowing will be the same as weekdays.

 Gravel roads will be plowed after a snowfall of 2 inches or more.

Blacktopped roads will be plowed as deemed necessary, even if the 2 inch minimum hasn't been met.

1. **Extended Periods of Snow**:

During extended periods of snow, clearing of roads will be done in stages.

1. Making roads passable
2. Widening and sanding when possible
3. Cleaning and widening

1. **Mailboxes:**

Only MNDOT approved mailbox support posts properly placed and installed that are damaged by physical contact with Township equipment, will be repaired at Township expense.

Please refer to the Township's mailbox policy for further information.

 4. Township residents are reminded it is unlawful to plow snow from private driveways, onto,

 or across public roadways.

1. This is a misdemeanor under Minnesota State Statute 160.2715 s (a) (1).
2. Piles of snow put onto the roadway, or road right of way, can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows.
3. Piles of snow put onto the roadway, or road right of way, increase the chance of drifting snow into the roadway.
4. Accidents and damages caused by putting piles of snow onto the roadway, or road right of way, may result in liability to the property owner, and the person responsible for plowing the snow onto the road, or road right of way.

5. **Garbage and Recycle Cans:**

1. Garbage and recycle cans must be placed 2 feet from the curb inside the driveway. The Township will not be responsible for damage to, or the knocking over of garbage cans that are improperly placed. The Township will not be responsible for damage to, or the knocking over of garbage and recycle cans from the snow coming from the plow.

 Please refer to the Township's garbage and recycle can policy for further information.