

Morgan County Road and Bridge Snow and Ice Removal Policy

Snow and Ice removal operations within Morgan County are considered a vital part of the economic and social welfare of the County. Economics, however, require a balance between the level of service and the resources available to perform the service. The basic philosophy governing Morgan County Snow and Ice Removal Policy is that, **except during blizzard conditions**, all school bus routes on mainline county roads will be plowed and/or sanded in a timely manner so as to provide for the reasonably safe accommodation of school bus traffic, and other mainline county roads will be opened in time for mail delivery and in time for people to get to work, and will be kept open late enough for people to return home from work. With very limited exceptions, Morgan County will not provide snow and ice control during the nighttime hours.

Specific Morgan County snow and ice removal policies are as follows:

1. All of Morgan County's roads are categorized by the level of snow and ice removal efforts which will be devoted to them. The various levels of service, the roadways which fall within that level and the degree of service which will be devoted to snow and ice removal operations on each level are identified below.
 - A. Level One Roads: This level includes all current county roads that are school bus routes. During school days, Level One roads will be plowed and sanded to accommodate school bus schedules. Plowing and sanding operations will normally be carried out between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during school days. On days other than school days, plowing and sanding operations will be completed by 5:00 p.m.
 - B. Level Two Roads: Level Two roads include all current county roads that are U.S. rural mail routes. During mail delivery days, Level Two routes will be opened in time to accommodate mail delivery schedules. Plowing and sanding operations on Level Two routes will normally be carried out between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on mail delivery days. On days other than mail delivery days, plowing and sanding operations will be completed by 5:00 p.m.

- C. Level Three Roads: Level Three roads are the remaining mainline county roads which are not included in Level One and Level Two. Level Three roads will be plowed and/or sanded after the resource requirements for Level One and Level Two roads are met. Plowing and sanding operations on Level Three roads will normally be completed by 5:00 p.m.
 - D. Level Four Roads: Level Four roads are those county roads which are not plowed or sanded during the winter months.
2. As noted earlier, in the event that blizzard conditions exist with high winds, extremely low visibility, etc. Morgan County will not attempt to provide any snow and ice control services for any of the above levels until the blizzard conditions have ended.
 3. Morgan County normally will spread sand only on steep hills, curves, and intersections, and will not spread sand continuously along roadways. Continuous sanding will be done only when, in the opinion of the Road and Bridge Department, it is necessary in order to provide a reasonable safe driving surface for the average motorist.
 4. Morgan County will address problem areas such as access to mailboxes, isolated slick spots, etc. only after all Level One, Two and Three roads are open for traffic.
 5. Given the vast expenses of Morgan County and the possible diverse weather conditions, all motorists are expected to have their vehicles equipped with chains and/or adequate snow tires during inclement weather and other things necessary for winter.
 6. Morgan County will not provide towing service for private or public vehicles which are stuck in the snow or have run off the road. Plow and sanding truck operations may provide assistance if they are passing by, but will not make a special trip to assist. If motorists request assistance from County resources, they will be required to sign a release prior to the assistance being provided.
 7. Morgan County will not be responsible for any damage to personal and real property. It is the property owner's responsibility to see that personal and real property are properly placed and marked and are sturdy enough to ensure that they will not be damaged or destroyed by snow, ice and other debris being thrown from the blade of passing snowplows.
 8. The practice of pushing onto or across Morgan County roadways endangers the traveling public as well as plow truck operators. The Statutes of the State of Colorado make it unlawful to store snow on the public right of way. Morgan County residents may receive a warning and/or summons for snow pushed onto County's right of way from driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, etc.
 9. Morgan County will not plow private drives except in the case of a life threatening emergency. Any emergency request will be forwarded to the Sheriff's Office for investigation and conformation prior to Morgan County plowing any private driveways. In case of a fraudulent emergency claim, prosecution will be pursued to the full extent of the law.

Dated this 23 day of February, 2011.

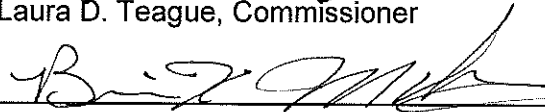
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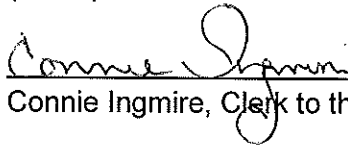


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