

## Roads Maintained in Calhoun County



Snow removal includes 458 lane miles of state highways



### DID YOU KNOW?

You can access the snow plow tracker map here.

[bit.ly/CalhounSnowPlowTracker](https://bit.ly/CalhounSnowPlowTracker)

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**The Calhoun County Road Department (CCRD)** is responsible for providing winter maintenance on 1,316 miles of county roads and 458 lane miles of state roads. Our crews make every effort to provide a reasonably safe driving surface during winter weather.

The roads are maintained by two regional units for winter operations: Battle Creek and Marshall. Each unit has an assigned number of lane miles to maintain. On an average winter day, all of our drivers should be able to cover their entire snow route.

Our crews remove accumulated snow and ice from the roadway by plowing and/or applying salt depending on weather conditions.

## Calhoun County CREW

CCRD drivers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to handle road and weather related emergencies and are in constant contact with 911 dispatchers to respond any time it is necessary.

**16** out of 24 hours, Monday through Friday highly drivers are on the roads

**44** daytime drivers are working 7 am until 3 pm

**6** nighttime drivers are working 9 pm until 5 am

## Prioritizing SNOW REMOVAL

CCRD's policy for prioritizing snow removal is based on traffic volume, speed limits and road surface types. Preference is given in the following order:

- **state trunklines**
- **primary roads**
- **major local roads**
- **residential / subdivision streets**

We will make every effort to respond as quickly as possible; however, local roads and residential/subdivision streets might not be cleared if crews are working overtime, unless there are significant accumulations making them impassable.

## Winter DRIVING TIPS

**Minimize distractions** and focus on driving. Put your cell phone away and be aware of other motorists.

**Always wear your seatbelt** and make sure every passenger is properly buckled before getting on the road.

**Reduce your speed** and don't be pressured by cars behind you to drive faster than you are comfortable with.

**Always allow extra time** to reach your destination.

**Avoid sudden** starts, stops, and turns. Accelerate carefully so your vehicle wheels won't spin.

## SALT AND BEET JUICE?

Depending on road conditions, salt is used on primary and local roadways, and drivers pre-treat the salt with chloride or beet juice.



### BE IN THE KNOW

SIGN UP to get important information sent as text messages and emails directly to your mobile device.

[bit.ly/CalhounTextcaster](https://bit.ly/CalhounTextcaster)

**Keep a safe distance** between you and the car in front of you to ensure you can stop fast enough, even on icy roads.

**Give yourself more braking room**, and remember not to pump anti-lock brakes.

**Beware of ice patches** and know where ice forms most readily like bridges, overpasses, shady spots, and intersections.

**In snow, drive in the tire tracks.** The traction is better in tire tracks. Make sure you change lanes slowly and smoothly.

**Don't attempt to pass snow plow vehicles** while they are plowing. Never attempt to pass a snow plow on the right. Plows can suddenly move sideways from hitting drifts or by cutting through packed snow.

**Don't crowd the plow.** Plow drivers have limited visibility and cannot see directly behind their trucks.

## We Need YOUR HELP

### For Property Owners

Don't plow snow across the road or shovel snow from your driveway onto shoulders or roadways. It is a violation of the Michigan Vehicle Code, as well as a traffic safety hazard.

Park vehicles away from the road and follow local parking ordinances related to snow removal.

Keep rocks, timbers, fences, basketball hoops, garbage bins, reflectors, and other items away from the road.

### Our drivers will keep you safe and call the police to help.

All Calhoun County Road Department marked vehicles are equipped with 2-way radio communication. If a child is in danger, our drivers will secure the scared or troubled child, notify law enforcement officials, and stay with the child until assistance arrives. For the safety of children and our drivers, children will be released ONLY to law enforcement officials once they have been notified.



## MAILBOX RESPONSIBILITY

Keep your mailbox and post in good condition and located behind the curb or beyond the shoulder of the road. To see the full Calhoun County Policy 514, visit: [bit.ly/CalhounPolicy514](https://bit.ly/CalhounPolicy514)

*CCRD will only replace existing mailboxes and/or posts with a standard metal mailbox and 4" x 4" wooden post, and only if they have been damaged by our equipment, not due to the force of the thrown snow and ice.*

### For Children

Never build snow forts, dig tunnels, or play in ditches or snow banks by the road.

Keep well away from the edge of the roadway while waiting for the school bus, getting the mail, or watching the snow plow.

Stay away from the end of the driveway when a snow plow is approaching.

Keep sleds and toys away from the roadways at all times.

