

## Ferry County Public Works Guidelines

1. Ferry County Public Works snowplows and sands over 700 miles of roads from 5 primary maintenance facilities. Priority guidelines for plowing/sanding roads is:
  - A. Primary roads, including all paved and high traffic/heavily used gravel roads will receive priority winter maintenance. School bus routes will receive first priority status when school is in session. These roads normally require eight (8) to eleven (11) hours to be initially cleared of snow and sanded. It is not always possible, because of our limited resources, to completely sand Primary roads on the first day after a storm event. A storm event is defined as a snow event yielding greater than two (2) inches of snow, freezing rain causing hazardous driving conditions, or other like weather conditions. Additional plowing and sanding of Primary roads will occur on the second day.
  - B. Secondary roads include all other gravel roads receiving winter maintenance that are not designated Primary roads. These roadways will normally receive service on the first day but at times not until the second day following a storm event.
2. It is important for motorist safety NOT TO PASS plow trucks while plowing and sanding. Motorists do this at their own risk to their vehicles, as the plow operator is not required to turn off the sander. Stay back at least 150 feet. Plow truck operators will turn off sanders for oncoming traffic.
3. FCPW assumes no responsibility for the removal of snow deposited in driveways as a result of snow plowing. It is not practical to change the plow angle to avoid driveways. A snow berm may be deposited in driveways at the initial plowing and again at widening and mop up phases.
4. Damages to fences, signs and mailboxes. FCPW will repair or replace these items only due to direct contact with truck, plow or motor grader. If mailbox damage occurs FCPW will replace with a 4 inch wooden post and a generic standard size metal mail box. Property owner with an ornamental or decorative mailbox on County right of way do so at their own risk. If damage is due to snow being thrown off plow or blade it is the responsibility of the landowner to make repairs at their cost.
5. Can I plow snow on to a County road or right of way?? No. Individuals creating obstructions on county roads or right of way create an unsafe hazard for other traffic and could result in prosecution. Furthermore the county prohibits the plowing of snow onto county culvert ends. Doing this contributes to flooding and damaged roads during the spring runoff.
6. Stranded/Blocking Vehicles. County equipment is not to be used to extract stuck private vehicles except in emergency situations. An emergency situation is described as an individual needing immediate medical attention. The only exception is when the private vehicle is blocking the roadway and is in harm's way. Snow plow turn arounds are not to be used as parking lots. Motorists using these areas could be towed.