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NEWS RELEASE

PUSHING SNOW ONTO HIGHWAYS IS ILLEGAL

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Depositing snow from your driveway or sidewalk onto a highway and pushing snow from your driveway across the highway and into piles along the shoulder results in unexpected obstructions for our plow operators and the traveling public. Snowplows have been damaged and thrown off roads when hitting these compacted and frozen snow piles. Additional snow drifting also results from this practice, adding to the hazards of winter driving.

Shoveling snow from driveways and sidewalks onto public roads and streets is against the law and may be punishable as a misdemeanor (Minnesota Statutes [169.42](#) and [160.2715](#)). The person responsible for depositing snow on the road may be liable in a civil lawsuit if damages or injuries occur as a result of their actions.

McLeod County Public Works appreciates your cooperation in helping us improve winter driving conditions and reduce our winter maintenance costs.

Please contact us at (320) 484-4321 if you have any questions.

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