

Winter Innovations and Operations News Release

Schoolcraft County details winter storm procedures

Michigan's first snowflakes have fallen, and the Schoolcraft County Road Commission is sharing how it responds to winter storms, including its communication with the public and how roads are maintained.

Michigan snowstorms can last 24 hours or more, which means a lot of work is required for roads to return to a drivable state. And then there's the wind, drifting, and downed trees. All of this causes plow and salt truck drivers to work long shifts, up to 16 hours, in the worst of conditions. Here in Schoolcraft County, the road commission has on average 18 plows out on the roads after a winter snow event. County road agencies have a comprehensive plan that prioritizes certain roads due to local factors.

"Schoolcraft County Road Commission is contracted with MDOT for all state highways in Schoolcraft County. State highways take priority in winter maintenance procedures. Once we have the state highways cleared, our crews concentrate on paved higher volume county primary roads. Third priority is lower volume county primary roads and local roads. Local roads may experience delays in plowing services as our crews work to keep the state highways and primary road system clean," said Jean Vanderville, Schoolcraft County Road Commission Managing Director. "We monitor the weather 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the winter to ensure we're prepared for whatever comes our way."

For more information on winter maintenance please visit our website at www.schoolcraftcountyroads.org. "We empathize with residents during heavy winter events and want the public to know that we work cooperatively with emergency personnel in our area to keep everyone safe as we work through opening roads," said Jean Vanderville.

"During the winter months, nothing is more important than keeping our roads free of snow and ice, so drivers have safe trips when they need to be out in inclement weather," said Jean Vanderville. "Schoolcraft County Road Commission has our people out on the roads as soon as possible after a winter storm hits to clean our 723 miles of road."

The Schoolcraft County Road Commission has served Schoolcraft County in improving and maintaining county roads and bridges for 111 years.

Winter Maintenance Procedures/Priority Routes							
Doyle Twp	Germfask Twp	Hiawatha Twp	Inwood Twp	Manistique Twp	Mueller Twp	Seney Twp	Thompson Twp
1st Priority Roads	1st Priority Roads	1st Priority Roads	1st Priority Roads	1st Priority Roads	1st Priority Roads	1st Priority Roads	1st Priority Roads
US 2	M77 M28	M94 M28	US 2 M149 M94	US2	US 2 M77	M77 M28	US 2 M149 M94
2nd Priority Roads	2nd Priority Roads	2nd Priority Roads	2nd Priority Roads	2nd Priority Roads	2nd Priority Roads	2nd Priority Roads	2nd Priority Roads
CR 432 / Gulliver North CR 432 / Port Inland Rd CR 433 / River Rd CR 434 / Gulliver Lake Rd CR 438 / Townline Rd	CR 436 / Ackley Rd CR 447 / Grant Rd CR 498 / Ten Curves Rd	CR 440 / Indian Lake Rd CR 441 / Danielson Rd CR 445 / Kentucky Road CR 450 / Fox River Rd	CR 437 / Thunder Lake Rd CR 442 / Old US 2 CR 443 / Camp Seven Rd CR 444 / Foote Lake Rd CR 453 / Miller Rd	CR 433 / River Rd CR 439 / Tannery Rd CR 448 / West Branch Rd CR 438 / Townline Rd East Rd (County Shop Road)	CR 432 / Port Inland Rd CR 433 / River Rd	CR 451 / Lavendars Corners E CR 450 / Fox River Rd CR 456 / Harcourt Rd Railroad St (County Shop Road)	CR 435 / Little Harbor Rd CR 453 / Miller Rd CR 455 / Riley Rd CR 441 / Danielson Rd CR 442 / Old US 2
3rd Priority Roads	3rd Priority Roads	3rd Priority Roads	3rd Priority Roads	3rd Priority Roads	3rd Priority Roads	3rd Priority Roads	3rd Priority Roads
Airport Rd Bergman Rd Bowman Rd Burrell Rd Clark Rd Cooper Rd Dixner Rd Frenette Rd Halverson Rd Haydon Rd Jones Rd Kelly Rd Letson Rd Lex Nelson Rd MacDonald Lake Rd Michibay Rd Michigan Shores Rd Old US 2 Parkington Rd Reid Rd Rice Rd Minneapolis Rd South Lake Michigan Rd Stelzer Rd W.M. Nelson Rd Watson Rd Pawley Rd Howard Rd Corbridge Rd Jackson Rd Lake Ave Rodgers Rd CR 436 / Floodwood	Burns Rd Cornell Rd County Line Rd East Edge Rd French St Gagon Rd Losey Lustilla Rd Mead Rd Newborn Rd Pine St Robinson St Sheppard St Smith Rd West Edge Rd Zellar Rd Riverside Truck Trail CR 436 Knaggs St Morrison St Green St CR 436 / River Rd	Adams Rd Aldrich Rd Asp Rd Beckman Rd Blandford Rd Boot Lake Rd Brown Rd Casemore Rd Clear Lake Rd Crooked Lake Rd Dodge Lake Rd Evergreen Beach Evergreen Drive Fisette Rd Frankovich Rd Freeman Rd Carlson Rd Hendrickson Rd Hiawatha Station Rd Dawson Rd Hyland Rd Island Lake Rd Leduc Rd Long Lake Rd Mary St River View Drive Rivers Bend Drive Ruggles Rd Southside Rd Swanson Rd Taylor Rd W Tennant Rf Harrison Beach Twin Lake Rd Wawaushnosh Rd Whitman Rd Wolf Rd Wood Rd CR 452 / M94 Abandonments Old State Rd Pine St Oak St Arrowhead Road Birch St CR 448 / West Branch Rd	Advent Rd Bass Lake Rd Bloom Rd Carlson Rd Cemetery Rd Clear Lake Rd Cooks School South County Line Rd Davidson Rd Depot Rd Maple St Colwell Lake Rd Forest St Firetower Rd Flodin Rd Fox Rd Hass Rd Little Indian Rd Mintonye Rd Old US 2 Ostrander Lake Dr Peterson Rd Poupour Rd Ramsdam Rd Segerstrom Rd Spielmacher Rd Tanquay Rd Mill St CR 445 / Kentucky Trail CR 449 / Eight Mile Cut Across	Arrowood Rd Belgium Rd Billings Rd Chitoma Dr County Pit Rd Duck Inn Rd Dump Rd Faketty Rd Glenwood Drive Gregrash Rd Highrollways Rd Hubble Rd Juniper Trail Kendall Rd Klagstad Rd Krummich Rd Hillcrest Dr Michibay Dr Lasich Rd Linden Rd Merwin Creek Rd Michibay Rd Murphy Rd Orr Rd Mukwa Dr Bluff St Scharstrom Rd Schnurer Rd Shunk Rd Zhigag Dr Stutts Rd Township Park Rd Walters Rd Willy Mac Rd Gardapee Rd Dillixie Rd Bolitho Dr Dixon Rd	CR 431 / Seul Choix Rd CR 433 / Quarry Rd Harvey Goudreau Rd John Goudreau Rd Lang Rd LaPorte Rd Parkington Rd Vannata Rd Dixner Rd Edge Rd Barker Rd	1st St 2nd St 3rd St School St River St Seney Ave Bridge St Grand St	Ash Rd Bass Lake Rd Carlson Rd Chavala Rd Clear Lake Rd Colwell Lake Rd Erickson Rd Fishing Site Rd Flodin Rd Fragale Rd Gierke Rd Ivan Carlson Rd Peterson Rd Sawmill Rd Schuster Rd Stanley Rd Walter Anderson Rd Williams Rd Yeager Rd Pine St Cedar St Manistique Ave Bluff St Thompson St Anderson Rd Andrews Rd CR 449 / 8 Mile Cut Across