



COUNTY OF TEHAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ROAD COMMISSIONER - COUNTY SURVEYOR - COUNTY ENGINEER - SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 1
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION

It is the intent of the Tehama County Public Works Department to provide the most effective snow removal service possible for the residents of Mineral. Public Works Crews will make every effort to keep the roads clean and open for use; realizing that the snow removal personnel have a 60-mile commute from Gerber to Mineral. It is important to note that only county roads and facilities are plowed. We do not offer plowing on private roads, state highways or on roads that are not maintained during the winter.

Important Information:

- Caltrans removes snow on Highway 36. Call Caltrans at 1-800-427-7623.
- County employees are not permitted to plow private roads, non-county roads or parking entrances.
- Office staff is not able to determine when a particular road is going to be plowed.

What You Can Do:

- Please be courteous to our drivers. Driving a plow is difficult and requires a lot of skill and concentration. A driver never intentionally moves snow to block a driveway. They are simply trying to help as many people as they can as fast as they can
- Plan ahead, be prepared, and don't travel if you don't have to. It is not uncommon for a rural County Road to become impassable for several days during major storm events. If you do not have more than one route to get to and from your residence, you should store enough provisions including fuel for a generator if you have one to last 7 days.

What You Should Avoid:

- Do not park vehicles or place trash cans on roadways or along the edge of roadways. Vehicles blocking snow removal operations may be towed away at the owner's expense. Vehicles and trash cans should be a minimum of 5 feet off the roadway on your property.
- Do not clear your driveway until after your road has been plowed. This will reduce the amount of snow that the plow leaves as it passes your driveway.
- Do not shovel or put snow from driveways in the roadway, as this creates a hazard for other drivers, a liability for you, and is illegal.
- Snow plows make frequent stops and backup maneuvers. Do not drive your car up behind a snow plow as the driver may be unable to see you and inadvertently back into your car. If you are behind a plow that stops, stop your vehicle in such a way that your car looks into the driver's outside rearview mirror and please give them extra room.



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Frequently Asked Questions:

- Q: *I live on White Fir Ln. in Mineral. It has been snowing hard for the last two days, but my street has not been plowed. Did we get missed?*
- A: No, please give the crew 24 hours after the snow stops before calling the office. We don't know when it will be plowed, but we can take a report and make the drivers aware it might have been missed.
- Q: *I have a dentist appointment in the morning, could you please have my road plowed so I can leave home at 9 am?*
- A: Roads will be plowed in the order that affords the greatest benefit for the most residents. This means that the crew follows a map of streets in specific order. We may plow your residential street if you have a legitimate emergency (threat to life, health or property). Otherwise, please be flexible in regard to your appointments.
- Q: *I am expecting guests. Would it be all right if they parked on the street just this once?*
- A: Parking is not permitted on the County Road right-of-way during snow removal operations. If you do not have adequate on-site parking that is well out of the way of snow clearing activities, consider carpooling or shuttling your guests in from a public parking lot. Vehicles left on the road will be towed at the owner's expense.



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SECTION 5 – OPERATIONS

POLICY 5-19

The Public Works Policy for snow removal is as follows:

Property owners understanding and cooperation with this policy will make the job easier and more efficient.

1. No vehicles are to be parked in the right-of-way after the installation of the snow removal signs, approximately November 1, through March 15th, depending on the storm cycles. Vehicles that interfere with snow removal operations are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.
2. Snow will be plowed/blown equally to each side of the road as much as possible and as local conditions permit.
3. Snow in driveways and sidewalks will not be plowed out or maintained by the County. Driveways and sidewalks are the property owner responsibility.
4. Snow is not to be blown or deposited in the right-of-way after the streets are cleaned. It can create a traffic hazard.
5. Snow is not generally plowed/blown unless there is at least a 4-inch accumulation of new snow from the previous time of being plowed/blown by the County.
6. County snow plowing/blowing operations will only occur between the hours of 6:00 am to 4:00 pm all week including weekends. Snow accumulation may necessitate the use of traction devices by road users. During snowstorms, residents should carry appropriate traction devices and avoid travelling on rural county roadways after 3:00 pm. Calls for service received after 12:00 P.M. will be responded to the following day.

Approved by: 
Director of Public Works

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