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## **Snow Removal Policy**

Snowplows operate on a schedule designed to keep the roads open for the majority of its users. Plowing starts at approximately 2 a.m. with a special emphasis on having the school bus routes open by 6:30 a.m. Other principal routes are the next priority. Plows will not be sent out after normal hours unless deemed necessary. Unless emergency plowing is required, the County crews will plow no more than a 12 hour shift due to safety policies. During large, continuous storms, the County crews will resume plowing the next morning following a minimum 8 hour rest period. Afternoon plowing will only take place when it is necessary to clear school bus routes, this will only consist of the school bus routes. Safety is our primary concern for both the traveling public and for the snowplow operators. If conditions become such that there is a safety concern for our snowplow operators to remain on the road, we will cease plowing operations. Roads are to be closed when, in the judgment of the Road Superintendent, it is unsafe for the public to travel on the roads. Drivers are reminded to use caution when traveling on roads during the winter season.

**Depending on the severity or timing of snow storms, we cannot guarantee when snow removal may occur in your area.**

Loose snow will be removed from the road surface to road side right-of-ways. All driveways will receive snow from snow removal equipment. County crews **will not** clear driveways or other private roads. Residents should keep vehicles, garbage cans and other items out of the road and out of the road right-of-ways to facilitate snowplowing and snow storage. Please keep mailboxes cleared and clearly marked. Garbage cans should be placed at end of driveway, not in roadway, on garbage pick-up days only. The County will not be liable for damage to vehicles, mailboxes, fences, garbage cans, trees or any other items located in the road right-of-way. In between storms, clean-up is completed by widening the roadways, winging banks back and cutting snow floor.

Please do not push snow from your driveway into the roadway or across the roadway as this causes traffic hazards. Pushing snow across the road, leaving or blowing snow on the road and similar activities is a violation of Idaho Code Section 18-3907 which reads in part: "Obstruction of Highways-Any obstruction therein or by digging in, or in any other manner injures or obstructs any public road, street or highway, is guilty of a misdemeanor".

Thank you for your cooperation and working with Valley County Road & Bridge to keep our roadways open and safe this winter.