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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 work hours until there is a 4" accumulation of dry fluffy snow or 2" of heavy wet snow. 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. Roads are to be closed for public travel when, in the judgment of the Road Superintendent, it is unsafe for the public to travel on the roads. When conditions are such that schools should be closed, the schools and bus service will be notified prior to 6:00 a.m.

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 right of ways. In residential areas, some driveways will receive snow. County crew 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 way to facilitate snow plowing and storage. County will not be liable for vehicle damage, mailboxes, broken fences, trees and other items located in the road right of way. In between storms, clean up is completed by widening the roadways, winging the banks back and cutting the snow floor.

Please do not push snow from your drive way 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 State Code Section 18-3907 which reads in part "Obstruction of Highways-Any person who obstructs, injures or damages any public road, street, or highway, either by placing obstruction therein or by digging in, or in any other manner injures or obstructs any public road, street of 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.