

# SUNRISE TOWNSHIP

## SNOW PLOWING POLICY

**SNOW PLOW POLICY STATEMENT:** Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota, has the safety of the traveling public and town residents as its main concern and priority.

**GOAL:** The Town's goal is to have all Town roads passable within a reasonable time after snowfall stops. Plowing priorities reflect a commitment to keep key roads open to serve critical facilities and provide access between our community and County and State roads and highways.

### **THE TOWN DOES NOT ASSURE A COMPLETELY BARE ROAD AND WILL NOT NORMALLY SAND THE ENTIRE SECTION OF ROADWAY.**

Town road users are reminded to exercise caution and drive with care. It may not be possible or advisable to drive the posted speed limit at all times.

### **SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES:**

1. **PLOWING:** The Town will not usually plow until after a snowfall has stopped. During extended periods of snowfall, exceptions may be made when accumulations exceed four (4) inches, or when snow is particularly heavy, wet or icy.

Snow plows will not be sent out in conditions deemed by Town Maintenance to be hazardous. Snow plowing may be stopped during low visibility or conditions otherwise determined to be hazardous by the Snow Plow Operator.

If snowfall stops during regular working hours, plows may be dispatched at that time. If the snowfall stops during night or early morning hours, plows will be dispatched at an early morning time according to the conditions. Weekend plowing will be handled in a similar fashion.

2. **OPERATIONS:** Generally, the clearing of roads will follow the following three (3) phases:
  - a. ***Make the Road Passable:*** Clear one (1) lane in each direction. Generally a plow and one (1) wing are used.
  - b. ***Widen Lanes to Edge of Shoulder:*** Sanding may be done on paved roads including intersections, curves, hills and bridges. ENTIRE ROAD SECTIONS WILL NOT BE SANDED.

- c. **Clean Up:** Remove ice, snow and slush off roadway after sun has been allowed to work.

**NOTE:** THE TOWNSHIP'S POLICY IS TO NOT USE SALT AS SALT CAUSES GRAVEL ROADS TO BE EXTREMELY MUDDY FOR EXTENDED PERIODS DUE TO THE SALT TAKING FROST OUT OF THE ROAD.

3. **ROUTES:** Generally, the clearing of roads will follow the priorities set forth on the attached maps, which depict three (3) alternatives, shown in Blue, Green and Pink. Such Routes shall be alternated by snowfall.
4. **RESIDENT/PRIVATE PLOWING:** State Law prohibits, and Town Policy forbids Town equipment and Drivers from plowing private roads or drives.

Residents are reminded that it is unlawful to plow snow from drives into Township roads, which can create safety hazards.

5. **MEDICAL PRIORITIES:** Upon written request, the Town will attempt to facilitate medical care and the providing of access during Medical Emergencies. The Town will not be deemed to know of any Medical problems absent written Notice actually delivered to the Town Clerk.

Any such notice shall be deemed to automatically expire at the end of each snow plow season and may be renewed by written notice only.

6. **PRIORITIES:** Questions regarding snow removal and/or road conditions should be directed to the Town Garage at (651) 674-0113.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002