

Barnes County Snow Removal Policy

In all normal circumstances, absent emergency or exigent circumstances due to the weather or other factors beyond the control of the Highway Department", the BC Snow Removal Policy is as follows:

1. Snow removal will begin **after** a snowfall of one (1) inch or more. Plows will be dispatched during a snowfall only in an emergency.
2. Snow plow routes will be established by the Road Superintendent.

Priority

1. County primary roads will have top priority.
2. County secondary roads will have second priority.
3. Township roads will be plowed after county roads have been opened.
4. Townships will be plowed on a first call basis. Private driveways and subdivisions will be plowed only with prior approval of the township and Road Supt. Townships will be billed for the driveway and it is their responsibility to collect from the individual. Private drives and subdivisions must have adequate room to get in, turn around and get out.

Ice Control

1. Hills, curves and railroad crossings will have first priority for sanding operations.
2. Second priority is major intersections and where county roads pass through cities.

Mailboxes

1. Barnes County will not be responsible for mailboxes damaged by snow.
2. Barnes County will be responsible for mailboxes that are damaged by the plow or wing striking them.
3. Mailboxes will be replaced with **standard mail boxes only** (2 sizes).
4. Posts will be replaced with breakaway posts only.

Misc.

1. It is the policy of the Highway Department to notify the sheriff's department when there is a vehicle stalled or parked on the road or right of way.
2. County vehicles and equipment are **NOT** allowed to pull out stalled or stuck vehicles.
3. It is unlawful to place snow or ice on roads or right-of-ways.