

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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ROAD COMMISSION WINTER STORM RESPONSE

THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

Winter in Michigan can be unpredictable, and snowstorms often last 24 hours or more. Clearing roads after a storm takes time, and even small events can create hazardous conditions due to wind and drifting snow. The Van Buren County Road Commission wants you to know what to expect when winter weather hits and how we work to keep roads safe.

The Van Buren County Road Commission treats each winter snow event as an individual occurrence because every event is different and varies in snow depth, type (snow, slush, ice), and temperature changes. Routine winter maintenance occurs within eight (8) hour days, Monday through Friday.

Routine snow removal operations begin on the affected areas of the County Primary Road network as a first priority. These roads include Red Arrow Highway, Blue Star Highway, and all roads with the "County Road (CR)" designation. These primary roads create a network of roads connecting to state highways, cities, and villages and primarily have the most traffic. By focusing here, we can provide the greatest impact to the traveling public. Then, as a secondary priority, our crews work on the affected areas of the Local Road system (streets and avenues and within subdivisions).

Non-routine winter maintenance occurs on weekends or overtime (hours beyond the normal eight-hour workday). These operations are performed as follows using minimum crew sizes to cover the affected areas:

- A. In the event of a snowfall in excess of four (4") inches, the most critical locations on selected County Primary Roads will be covered, as conditions permit.
- B. Unusual ice and/or wind conditions causing hazardous driving, or impassable conditions on the affected areas of the road system, as conditions permit.
- C. In the event of a snowfall in excess of eight (8") inches, authorization shall be extended to cover the Local Road system of the affected area(s), as conditions permit.

Our goal is to keep roads in a safe and reasonable condition for public travel within the limits of available resources.

If you have questions on winter maintenance, please contact the Van Buren County Road Commission at (269) 674-8011, or email at vbcrc@vbcrc.org.

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