

HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY

07/20/15

Condition = Ice or 0" or 3" snow

Sanding, salting, scraping

Priority	Days/wk	Shifts
1. County Primary + Essential*	7	2 with OT 1 on weekends
2. County Locations	5	1
3. County Rural Locals	5	1

*Essential = Dangerous hills, curves, intersections on any road.

Conditions = 3" to 6" snow – Easily passable-two lanes

Scraping or Plowing

Priority	Days/wk	Shifts
1. County Primary – Optional	7	2 with OT 1 on weekends
2. County Urban Locations	5	1
3. County Rural Locals	5	1

6" or more

Condition = Difficult driving (one lane) to impassable

Plowing and snowplowing

Priority	Days/wk Difficult	Day/wk Impassable	Shifts
1. County Primary	7		2 with OT
2. County Urban Locations	5	7	1 with OT
3. County Rural Local	5	7	1 with OT

Condition = Routine cleanup – when necessary

Winging, snowblowing and cutting mat

Priority	Days/wk	Shifts
1. County Primary	5	2
2. County Urban Location	5	1
3. County Rural Local	5	1

Condition = any of the above with poor or no visibility

Priority	Days/wk	Shifts
1. County Primary	5	2
2. County Urban Locations	5	1
3. County Rural Local	5	1

GENERAL COMMENTS:

1. By order of law enforcement, fire, or health agencies, service may be performed anywhere and anytime at the discretion of the supervisory personnel, as long as action is not further jeopardizing the public, operators, or Road Commission equipment.
2. Service on county roads shall also attempt to be performed by priority depending on:

Regular Service

1. School Bus routes
2. Permanent residents

Intermittent – when all regular routes are plowed

1. Seasonal homes
2. Logging operations, construction sites, etc.
3. Public facilities

None

1. Roads not fit to be plowed without jeopardizing equipment
 2. Roads not servicing any necessary facility
 3. Roads not considered certified county roads
 4. Privately owned property
3. Service may be deviated from this policy by the judgement of supervisory personnel for unusual circumstances, such as equipment failures, poor road conditions, obstructions, abandoned vehicles, or localized weather conditions.
 4. In general, Monday thru Friday on the regular shift, all roads should receive at least one plowing per day when weather conditions warrant.