

**DeWitt County Highway Department Snow and Ice Abatement Guidelines**  
(Effective January 15, 1998)

These guidelines are intended to assist in improving the accessibility and the safety of travel on county highways and facilities as necessitated by adverse winter weather.

These guidelines shall be implemented at the discretion of the county engineer.

The top priority at all times shall be emergency requests for law enforcement, fire protection, hospital, or emergency service and disaster agency needs. The necessary resources to fulfill such requests shall be diverted from their duties at that time and returned to duties as directed upon completion of said emergency request.

The remaining priorities for operations shall be to county highways, then to the county building, then to the county nursing home, and then to the other requesting public entities, including but not limited to township road districts, cities and schools. Operations are not allowed on private property.

The resources for operations consist of the department employees; department equipment consisting of an FM 2-way base radio and the following units containing FM 2-way mobile radios: four (4) tandem trucks with reversible plows and spreaders, one (1) single-axle truck with a reversible plow and spreader, one (1) grader with V-plow, two (2) endloaders, one (1) tractor with three-point hitch blade, and one (1) backhoe; salt; sand; cinders; cooperation in borrowing, trading and renting manpower and equipment, with township road districts, cities, counties and the state; equipment rental; private hire; and purchase.

Sources of information on conditions include but are not limited to past conditions, current conditions, the National Weather Service forecasts, television weather forecasts, radio weather forecasts, DeWitt County Emergency Services And Disaster Agency, DeWitt County Sheriff's Department, department employees, other entity employees, and the public.

Operations shall consist of dispatching resources in a manner which assists in achieving the goal of these guidelines based on conditions.

Generally operations will consist of plowing all routes first, followed by spreading of salt, sand, cinders or a combination thereof at critical locations including but not limited to stop intersections, bridges, railroad crossings, curves and hills. These operations, in general, will begin in the early morning and continue through late afternoon in order to occur at a time which will provide increased accessibility and safety, insofar as conditions will permit, during the anticipated peak traveling hours of the public which are primarily before and after the work day or daylight hours.

The DeWitt County Sheriff's Department shall be notified of vehicular obstructions to operations.