

Notice to Rural Residents Of Winnebago County

With the recent snowfall, the practice of pushing snow from farm drives across the rural roads of Winnebago County is again on the increase. In many instances the snow is left piled on the shoulders of the road or scattered over the roadway surface after the snowplows have gone by, creating an extremely dangerous traffic hazard.

Should a traffic mishap result from this practice, the person responsible for leaving the snow on the road would be liable for any personal injury or property damage.

In addition, this practice hampers snow removal operations by creating deep drifts on later snowstorms and, in some cases, where snow freezes hard, it causes damage to snowplowing equipment, which in turn causes undue delay in snow removal operations. Often times it is the cause for mailboxes being pushed over.

Hereafter, if this method of removing snow from rural driveways is used, it is each person's responsibility to clean all snow from the roadway and completely off the shoulders. It should be spread out in a series of small piles rather than in one or two high piles. Depositing snow on any portion of the roadway is in violation of Winnebago County Ordinance No. 3 and may result in cost for removal by the county being assessed to the person responsible.

Let's have everyone cooperating in snow removal operations on Winnebago County rural roads and perhaps avoid a lawsuit for personal liability or damage.

**By Order of the Winnebago County
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**