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**AMADOR COUNTY RESIDENTS REMINDED OF
COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL POLICY**

The Amador County Transportation and Public Works Dept. Snow Removal Policy is posted on the County's website (<http://www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=234>).

We understand that our residents rely on our roadway system and are committed to maintaining that system to the highest standard possible. However, please be mindful that depending on the intensity of the storm, there could be a considerable delay before our limited resources can reach all affected County maintained roads.

Please be aware of the following during this winter season:

- Private roads are not included in the County maintained system.
- Major thoroughfares will be first priority. Side roads will be next, with dead end or cul-de-sac roads last.
- The County does not remove snow from driveways or from in front of mailboxes.
- County plows may leave a berm of snow at driveway encroachments onto County roads. **The removal of the berm is the responsibility of the owner.**
- Sanding normally begins after snow is cleared and where icy conditions may occur.

Be Prepared:

- Plan ahead by stocking up on daily necessities at first report of snow and reschedule appointments if possible.
- Plows will continue to run until snow has stopped and roads are clear. They may come down your street several times during a storm.
- Do not let children play in streets or on snow berms. Drivers may not be able to stop in time to avoid an accident.

Please Do Not:

- Park vehicles or place garbage cans or trash on roadways or along edge of roadways. Vehicles blocking snow removal operations may be towed away at owner's expense. Park a minimum of five feet off the roadway.
- Clear your driveway until after road has been plowed.
- Shovel or blow snow from driveway or mailbox into the roadway as it creates a hazard for other drivers.
- Allow children and pets to play on roadways.

Snowplows make frequent stops and back up maneuvers. Avoid driving your vehicle directly behind a snowplow, as the driver may be unable to see you – leave plenty of space to allow for this. If you are driving behind a snowplow that stops in the roadway, stop your vehicle far enough away from the snowplow that it can be seen by snowplow driver's outside rearview mirror and give them plenty of extra room. For more information on the County's Snow Removal Policy or any other questions regarding County roads, please call (209) 223-6429 or go to our website (<http://www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=234>).