



County of Lake, Ohio

**OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY ENGINEER**

January 23, 2023

Dear Township Administrator/Township Trustee:

I am writing to inform you of a revised policy in our office. Beginning February 1, 2023, we will no longer repair/replace/reimburse for reported mailbox damage.

I have also included a copy of our Snow Plow/Salt Policy for your files.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James R. Gills, PE, PS
Lake County Engineer



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LAKE COUNTY, OHIO – SNOW PLOW/SALT POLICY – 2022-2023

The Lake County Engineer's Office re-evaluates the County snow policy and procedures every year in order to keep up with changing costs and road conditions. The Lake County Engineer's Office is responsible for over 304 lane miles of County Roads and 110 lane miles along SR 2 from the Cuyahoga County line to the bridge over the Grand River in Painesville City/Township. We also assist local Townships/Villages and Cities, as needed. During winter storm events, the priority remains SR 2, County Roads and then any Township/Village/City roads that we are assisting with.

There are typically ten snowplow trucks on the County Road system and four snowplow trucks on SR 2. However, we adjust the number of trucks in any given area based on the storm conditions and where the trucks are most needed. Our crews use untreated salt to maintain the freeway and County highway system.

Our policy and procedures on SR 2 this year will be similar to last years. We will use salt as the primary tool in deicing the freeway. During each winter storm, the priority will be the slower (right) lane and the ramps along SR 2. The remaining mainline lanes will be plowed center lane to left as applicable until the storm eases or we have reasonably cleared the other areas of SR 2.

The salting priority for the County Highway system will be hills, bends and intersections. The straights will be spot treated in a manner to keep them passable. As the storm subsides, we will put material down on the straights. This will continue until the storm ends. At that time, any hard pack that has formed will be treated and cleared

During the evening hours (8 PM – 4 AM), the County will put down minimal material to keep the highways passable. This is a time when traffic volumes are low. This nighttime salting policy applies only to the County Highway system, not SR 2.

Our salting policy will be consistent with that of recent years. Supply and demand in tandem with economics and environmental impacts have forced us to enact these policies and procedures. Our goal with this policy is to continue to provide the citizens of Lake County with a safe driving environment and allow us to stretch our reserves for the entire winter season. It will require county drivers to cooperate during these events. Please exercise caution and be free of distractions while driving on our roadways during snow and ice conditions.