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Township Update



Snow Plowing Priorities

WCRC performs winter maintenance activities in accordance with its Winter Maintenance Policy approved by the Washtenaw County Board of County Road Commissioners. This policy includes a priority system for clearing snow and ice from roads that is based on traffic volumes, location and road classification.

Primary Routes

The most highly traveled roads in the county. When it's snowing, WCRC crews focus all efforts to keep these clear for emergency vehicles and all travelers.

Examples: I-94, US-23, M-52, US-12, M-14, & county paved roads.

Secondary Routes

Local roads like subdivision or gravel roads. These will be cleared once the primary routes are cleared. If it starts to snow again, WCRC crews will leave these roads to go back to primary routes.



Help Us, Help You!

Please move vehicles, garbage cans, etc. out of the roadway to give our drivers plenty of room to do their job!

Materials to Fight Slick Roads



Grit/Sand

Used on gravel roads and at intersections to help provide traction.



Salt

Mixed with blue anti-caking additive. Most effective when road temps are above 17 degrees.



Mix

Grit and salt mixed. Used when temps are below 17 degrees, grit provides traction until salt can start working.

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Pothole Patrol

Potholes occur when snow and ice melt during Michigan's seasonal freeze-thaw cycle. The resulting water seeps beneath the pavement through cracks caused by the wear and tear of traffic. As the temperatures cool to freezing overnight, the water becomes ice and expands below the pavement, forcing the pavement to rise. As the weight of traffic continues to pound on this raised section – and the temperatures once again rise above freezing – a shallow divot occurs under the surface and the pavement breaks, forming a pothole.

How do crews fix potholes?

A pothole is typically fixed by cleaning out the loose debris and filling it with hot or cold asphalt patch.



On average, WCRC produces approximately 1,100 tons of cold patch each year.

Report an Issue

There are three easy ways to report non-emergency road issues*

1. **Online:** wcroads.org/report
2. **App:** Download the WCRC Fix It app
3. **Phone:** (734) 761-1500

**If you need to report a road emergency, for example, an object in the traveled portion of the road or a downed stop sign, please call us immediately at (734) 761-1500 for 24/7 service.*

