

January 2025

# 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. Listed to the right are the route descriptions. Click here for more information on winter maintenance:

<https://www.wcroads.org/faq/winter-maintenance/>



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### 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.



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## 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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## Snow Plowing Obstructions

WCRC is unable to properly perform winter maintenance when there are obstructions in the road. Obstructions often include things like parked vehicles and trash cans. Please be sure to remove any obstructions from the road during winter storms to ensure that your road is not skipped! It's the responsibility of business owners and homeowners to clear snow from their driveways and sidewalks. Click here for more information on winter maintenance: <https://www.wcroads.org/faq/winter-maintenance/>



**Help Us, Help You!**

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## Equipment Used to Treat Icy Roads



### Salt Truck

Mixed with blue anti-caking additive, the salt is most effective at melting snow when road temps are above 17 degrees.



### Grader

Graders are used on unpaved roads because regular snow plows can scrape away gravel. Graders allow us to protect the road surface.

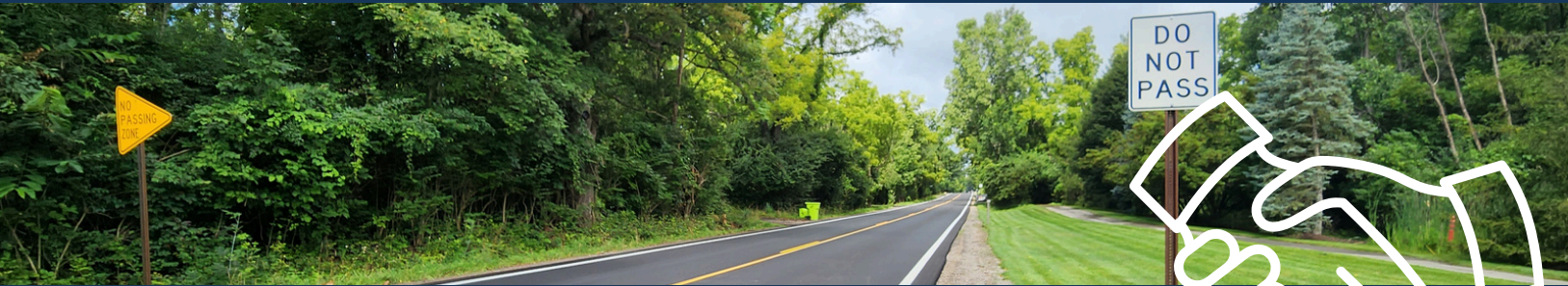


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## Townships

Each year, the WCRC and the 20 township boards partner to provide local road improvements. In 2024, the WCRC Board increased its investment in local infrastructure to \$2 million, expanded its criteria of culvert maintenance replacements, and will continue to perform dust control as normal maintenance. While road funding is limited, both parties work hard to spend this precious funding efficiently and effectively.

Recently, the Township Page on the WCRC website was updated. Be sure to check out the Township Pages; they are full of helpful information, advisories, and agreements specific to each township. Click here to access the page: <https://www.wcroads.org/doing-business/townships/>

### Township Pages

<a href="#">Ann Arbor Township</a>	<a href="#">Augusta Township</a>	<a href="#">Bridgewater Township</a>	<a href="#">Dexter Township</a>
<a href="#">Freedom Township</a>	<a href="#">Lima Township</a>	<a href="#">Lodi Township</a>	<a href="#">London Township</a>
<a href="#">Manchester Township</a>	<a href="#">Northfield Township</a>	<a href="#">Pittsfield Township</a>	<a href="#">Salem Township</a>
<a href="#">Saline Township</a>	<a href="#">Scio Township</a>	<a href="#">Sharon Township</a>	<a href="#">Superior Township</a>
<a href="#">Sylvan Township</a>	<a href="#">Webster Township</a>	<a href="#">York Township</a>	<a href="#">Ypsilanti Township</a>

### Township Pages Contain:

Township Agreements  
Township Updates  
Local Road Funding Packets  
Township Map  
Project Updates & Road Advisories

## Report an Issue

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

1. **Online:** [wcroads.org/report](https://www.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.*

