



“CLEARING THE WAY THROUGH CARROLL COUNTY EFFICIENTLY”

Roadway Obstructions

Warm weather brings many outdoor activities around the neighborhood, including sports and portable basketball hoops. These hoops can pose a real danger to motorists and road crews. Objects in the roadway, especially residential developments are located in the County's right of way. County law does not allow for these or any other obstructions in the roadway. Please place all portable basketball hoops in your driveway so that there is nothing in or hanging over the roadway. This will ensure that the County's maintenance staff and emergency personnel can access the street quickly and efficiently and will prevent accidents from happening.



Snow Removal

Winter is the season when Mother Nature can unleash her fury. Whether it be in the form of snow or ice, it is important to be aware of changing weather and road conditions. Here are a few simple tips for clearing snow from your driveway. Careful, thorough planning on your part will assist the County's maintenance staff and ensure an efficient and safe snow removal process for all.

1. Whenever possible, please park your vehicle(s) in your driveway and not on the road. If you park at the end of the driveway, please be certain that the vehicle does not hang out into the road. This will ensure that road crews can maneuver through the streets without obstruction. Parking vehicles in the street during and after a snow event is the most common cause of delays in clearing the road. If the road is free of vehicles, the County can perform their normal operations and will not need to repeat routes after the storm.
2. When clearing your driveway, please throw the snow to the right side of the driveway (as you work down from your house to the roadway, facing the street). This will reduce the amount of snow that is pushed into your driveway when the plows pass through your neighborhood.
3. Clear a path along the road to the opposite side of the driveway from your snow pile. When the snowplow comes through, any snow that is on the plow will fall into this area and will greatly reduce the amount of snow that may be pushed back into your driveway.
4. Remember, it is unlawful to throw snow into the roadway. This is dangerous and will cause additional delays in the snow removal operation.
5. Each storm is different and may require a different approach for treating the roads. Most storms have three phases of treatment by the Bureau of Roads. Phase 1 consists of treating the roads with salt. You may see this operation taking place even if there is no precipitation on the roads. Phase 2 consists of clearing the roads from shoulder to shoulder, and salting if needed, though not down to bare roads. Phase 3 generally occurs during blizzard conditions only, this is when road crews concentrate on plowing of the main roads and may not get to your neighborhood.
6. Unpaved roads cannot be salted. After plowing operations cease, the County will spread stone chips on the road for traction.

The Bureau of Roads Operations has over 50 routes to plow throughout the County and is committed to clearing all roads in a timely and efficient manner. Keep in mind it takes longer to clear the roads in high winds or if an unusual amount of snow happens at one time. Your patience is appreciated.

CARROLL COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING SAFE ROADWAYS. FOLLOWING THESE TIPS WILL MAKE YOUR WINTER A MORE MANAGEABLE EXPERIENCE.

Questions or concerns may be directed to the Carroll County Department of Public Works at 410-386-2035

Additional questions during a snow event? Call the Roads Department at 410-386-6717