

WHAT IS LCRC?

The Lapeer County Road Commission oversees the County Road system and the Road Rights of Way within Lapeer County. LCRC also maintains:

- 115 Bridges
- Over 4,300 Cross Culverts
- 13 Traffic Signals & 15 Overhead Flashing Beacons
- Over 9,100 Support Posts with over 16,100 Signs
- 360 Primary Roads & 950 Local Roads
- Assists with 142± miles of State Routes

LCRC Fast Facts:

- Is separate from County General Government and does not receive any revenue from property taxes
- Receives the majority of its funding from the state-collected gas tax and vehicle registration fees
- Receives no direct revenue from growth and development
- Pays as much as \$500,000 to pave a mile of gravel road
- Is located within a State with a gas tax (\$0.263) which is below the National Average of \$0.285
- Is located within a State that has, for years, been ranked in the lowest Ten (10) States in per capita road funding (per 2010 Census \$154 per person)

Questions or Comments?

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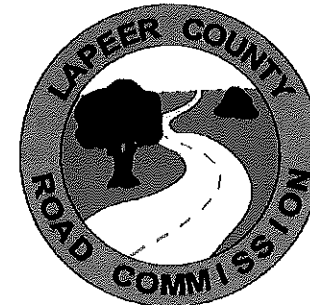
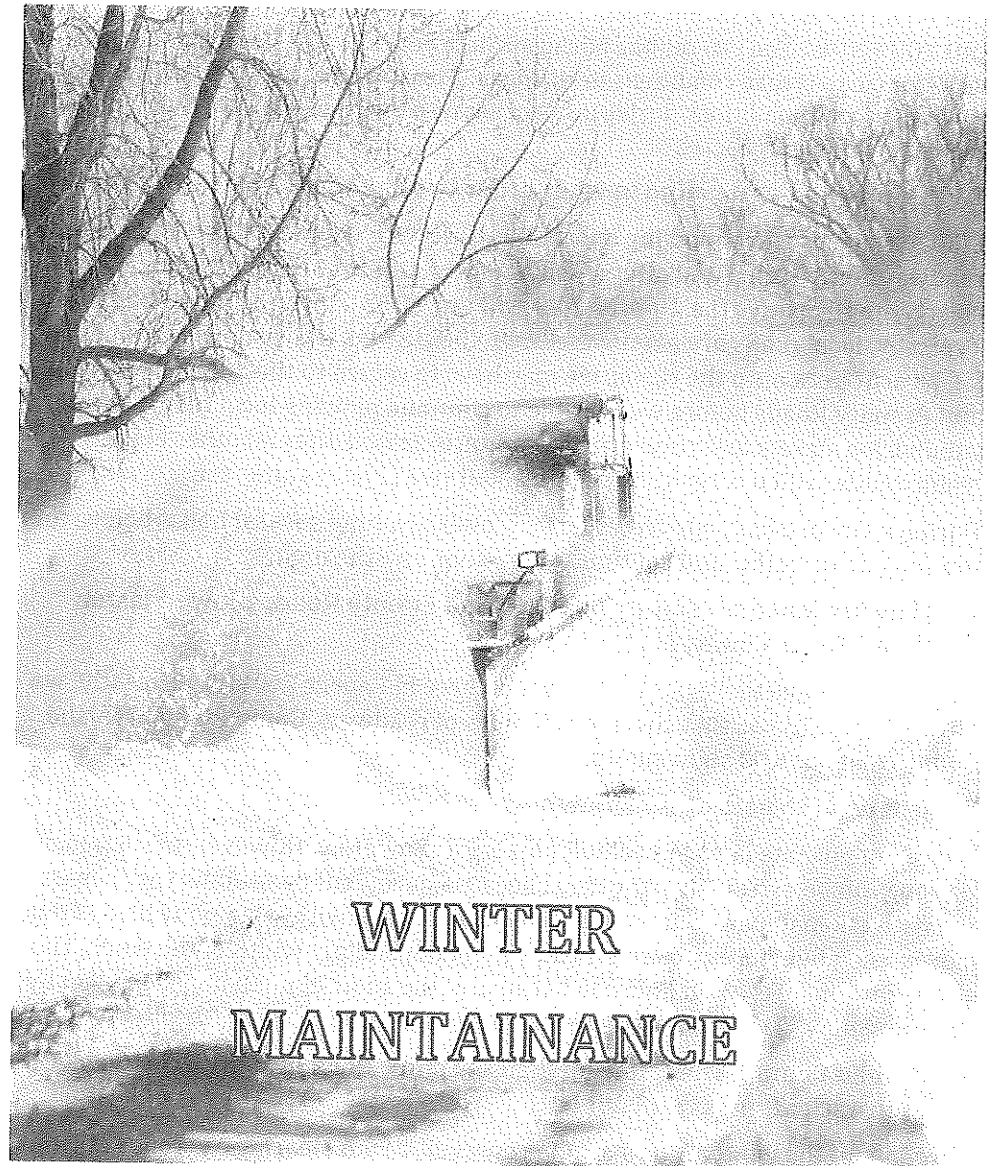
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Office Hours:

Summer 6:00 am to 4:30 pm M - Th

Winter 7:00 am to 3:30 pm M - F



DID YOU KNOW: You can call the Michigan State Police Travel Hotline at 1-800-381-8477 for current road conditions in Michigan. Please do not call your local police agency for road conditions during a storm because they need to keep their phone lines open for emergencies.

1. How do you determine in what order to plow roads?

LCRC organizes snow plowing operations to service the most heavily traveled roadways first during and after a winter storm. Our first responsibility is to clear State Highways (i.e. I-69, M-24, M-90 and M-53), then Primary Roads. Typically, local roads are among the last to be cleared. If the snow continues to fall or drift back onto the roads, we may have to return to the State Highways and Primary Roads before we are able to continue plowing local roads. Local subdivision streets and rural gravel roads are cleared after all other higher traffic roads, which is typically within about two (2) days after the storm.

During a storm event, our crews begin plowing/salting several hours before the morning peak traffic, and continue operations into the night.

2. Why are Macomb County and Oakland County Roads plowed faster than Lapeer County?

Simple, they have more plows than we do here in Lapeer County. Currently, we have 19 snow plows that cover 1,310 miles of roadway. Compared to Oakland County that has 180 snow plows.

3. Is it legal to pass a snowplow?

There are no state laws to prohibit passing a snowplow. However, the action of passing can be extremely dangerous because pavement conditions vary across the path taken to pass. Snowplows may be equipped with wing plow blades that can extend anywhere between 2 and 10 feet beyond the width of the truck. This wing plow blade is often not seen because of the snow cloud being kicked up by the snowplow. Therefore, remember the phrase - Don't crowd the plow!

4. A Road Commission plow pushed the snow back into my driveway approach after I cleaned it out!

Throughout the winter months, our crews will be out clearing the roads during and after snowfalls. At the same time residents are clearing their driveways. Many times, while this is going on, a snowplow truck will go by and fill in the end of a freshly cleared driveway with snow from the road, causing frustration and more clearing for residents. Please understand that the Road Commission's first priority is the safety of the traveling public and clearing the roads of snow and ice and pushing it off of the road and shoulders, and sometimes into driveways, is a necessary wintertime evil.

Residents sometimes call and ask why we cannot pick up the blade when going by their driveway. This is not a practical solution and our drivers would never finish clearing the roads due to the multitude of driveways. There is, however, a method of clearing your driveway that can help minimize the amount of snow

(and frustration) during the winter months - When clearing your driveway, place as much snow as possible in the direction of travel, on the downstream side of the road. Then clear an area upstream from your driveway opening to form a pocket for the snow from the road to go into. The result? More of the snow from the road will go into the pocket and less will end up in the end of your driveway.

5. Why can't salt be put on roads and bridges before it snows?

Putting salt on road surfaces prior to a snowfall wastes time and money since salt often bounces from the dry road during application and, the portion that manages to land in the right location is subject to wind- which blows it off the road before it can do its job.

6. Some days you never put down any salt!

Salt is most effective after snow has accumulated and the temperature is 20° Fahrenheit or higher. Under these conditions, the salt and snow will mix, melting snow into slush that can be plowed off the pavement. (This melting action will occur within two hours, or less if traffic is using the highway.) If the temperature is below 20°F, the salt will have difficulty melting the snow and ice, so other methods are used.

7. I have seen snowplows driving along during a storm with their plows raised! Why aren't they plowing?

There are multiple reasons plows aren't always pushing snow. 1) Plows may be out of salt / sand to spread and headed back to the garage to reload. 2) Another possibility is that the driver does not have the responsibility for the road he is currently on, and is heading elsewhere. Plow routes are designed to minimize travel in between service areas. 3) It is also possible that the road may have been treated with salt or de-icing products and plowing it may remove the mixture before it has an opportunity to work.

8. Your plow truck knocked down my mailbox!

Since mailboxes are in the road Right of Way they are sometimes knocked down by our trucks when plowing snow or performing other road maintenance. If the mailbox or wooden post was broken off from the force of the snow coming off the plow blade, LCRC will not repair it. However, if the plow truck strikes the mailbox or post then replacement material is available. If this happens, please contact the LCRC office for additional details.

9. Why can't I plow the snow from my driveway across the road?

Pushing snow across the road is actually illegal and punishable by law. This action leaves a trail of snow on the pavement which causes a hazard to the traveling public. Michigan MCL 257.677a also prohibits the piling of snow which may obstruct the vision at the approach area. See Item #4 above for suggestions on how to plow the end of your approach.