

Town of Oakland, Douglas County
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NOTICE OF ILLEGAL SNOW REMOVAL PRACTICE

Wisconsin State Statute 346.94(5), (7) applies to a miscellaneous prohibited act of **Placing Injurious Substance on a Highway**. The section reads, "No person shall place or cause to be placed upon a highway any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle or part thereof."

This language applies to plowing or blowing snow from driveways onto or across county or state roadways and it also applies to town roads as well. This practice is illegal and dangerous to passing motorists, our town's snow removal equipment, and our employees. Municipal-owned snow removal equipment may be damaged upon impact with the compacted snow or ice ridges left behind or it could also injure our employees if the impact is great enough. In addition, motorists could lose control and crash upon impact with the snow or ice ridges, causing property damage or injury and/or loss of life.

If you are currently violating this State Statute, please stop the current practices being utilized for your snow removal operations. Failure to comply with this request will result in the Douglas County Sheriff's Department or the Wisconsin State Patrol being notified and a citation being issued for each occurrence. Of course, no one would like to call the authorities, but we must contact them if this practice continues.

We have recently received complaints regarding this issue and we understand that removal of snow can be difficult at times. In order to prevent snow or ice ridges from occurring on any roads, it is suggested that you start at the road and plow into your property. As always, please feel free to contact members of the town board if you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue.

We thank you for your cooperation in keeping our roads, the motoring public, and our employees safe!

Oakland Town Board