

Driveway Snow Plow Policy Revised April 14th, 2026

Whereas, Wisconsin law reads as follows:

"s. 86.105, The governing body of any county, town, city, or village may enter into contracts to remove snow from private roads and driveways."

Whereas, the Attorney General opinion:

"67 Atty. Gen. 304, This section must be construed narrowly. Plowing of private parking lots is not authorized. Only in exceptional circumstances would plowing of private driveways be permissible."

Whereas, the Town of Oakland is not competing with private snow plow services:

The policy of the town is not to snow plow private roads or driveways. This policy is for winging the snowbanks back after the driveway has been plowed to make room for more snow. Only in exceptional circumstances, as approved by the town chairman, his designee, or the town board, will the town plow private roads or driveways. Following this policy is a contract which will be agreed to by the party requesting snow plow services. The town will charge at the current Wisconsin DOT rates for the equipment used plus the town's current labor and benefit rates. A one hour charge is the minimum and the time thereafter will be rounded up to the nearest quarter hour. The town will plow private roads or driveways when convenient to the town. The town plow driver may not plow the road or driveway if he/she believes there is a reason not to do so.

Town employees whose duties include snow plowing may plow their driveways to ensure they are available when called out to plow snow. The town may also plow driveways for members of the fire department. The town is not meant to be the primary snow plow service for fire department members.

In an exceptional circumstance, the town chairman, his designee, or town board, may authorize snow plowing without contract or compensation.

Contract for Snow Plowing Services

Town of Oakland,
Douglas County, Wisconsin

Requestor:

Date requested:

Location:

Request taken by:

The requestor acknowledges that the town is not responsible for damages that may occur to the requestor's property due to plowing. The requestor will also clearly mark, or inform the town employee who is plowing, where hidden hazards or obstructions exist (i.e. wells, fences, etc). The town plow driver may not plow the road or driveway if he/she believes there is a reasonable reason not to do so.

Accepted (signed) by: _____

Request plowed on date/time: _____

Plowed by employee: _____

Equipment used: _____

Hours: _____

Payment due: \$ _____

Billed date: _____

Payment due with 30 days of billing.