

Policy

Damage

Sprinkling of roads: On the first report of water sprinkling the roads, the property owner or operator of the sprinkler should be notified through a call by the Sheriff's Department and the call documented. On the second report of the same party sprinkling the road, a letter of warning should be mailed to the owner or operator. When there is a third report on the same party at the same location, a citation will be given by the Sheriff's Department.

Letters will be sent to individuals if the road superintendent has been notified of or becomes aware of:

1. Dumping of appliances, trees, or any solid waste in road right-of-way.
2. Using the roads as a turnaround point at the end of farming rows.
3. Farming within 6' of the shoulder of the roads or to the bottom of the ditch, whichever is the greater distance from the road shoulder.
4. Fences constructed on or across county rights-of-way.

If excessive road damage is done by a commercial business, farmer, or individual the road damage will be evaluated and the company or individual causing the damage will be billed at 100% of what it costs the county to repair the road.

Maintenance

Roads are maintained on an as-needed basis. High usage roads will be given first consideration. Lower usage roads will be maintained depending on weather conditions and available time.

The county will not maintain private driveways. Special consideration will be given to individuals that require medical assistance.

A county road will be improved to provide school bus access at the request of the school district. This may require gravel and grading to provide an adequate turnaround area. These will be maintained only when necessary. Private driveways for school buses will be handled case by case.

The county will be responsible for the cleaning out of cattle guards.

If trees and shrubs in the road right-of-way create an obstruction at the intersection or are a hazard in a ditch, the county will remove and take care of them. If trees and shrubs located on private property create an obstruction it shall be the responsibility of the owner to remove and take care of the obstruction at owners' expense. Grader operators will identify concerns with trees, shrubs, hedges, etc. on landowners and relay the concern to the road foreman. The foreman or superintendent will report to the board and board will communicate with the landowner to resolve the issue.

Mowing

Landowners are responsible for mowing ditches and it must be done twice during the mowing season, once in July and once in September. The county will run an ad twice during mowing season, July 1 and September 1, reminding landowners of the mowing requirement. If as of July 31 and September 30 mowing has not been completed, a letter will be sent to the landowner giving them one week to complete the necessary mowing. If mowing is not completed within one week, the county will mow and send a bill to the landowner at the rate of \$75.00 per mile.

Culverts

If a personal request for a culvert for a driveway is made the landowner pays for the culvert and the county provides the installation and labor. Installation of culverts is subject to Board of County Commissioners approval.