

NEWS RELEASE

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TO BE RELEASED: Immediately

Becker County Highway Department would like to remind drivers of some safety items associated with winter travel. Always wear your seatbelt, turn off the cruise control, keep your lights on, and check road conditions with media in your travel area before leaving. Give yourself some extra time to slow down and arrive safely.

Please do not crowd the plow. Leave plenty of distance between you and the plow. Plow trucks and snow removal equipment make sudden stops, turns, and back through intersections to turn around. For your safety and ours make sure you never follow too close.

We also remind residents and contractors while plowing driveways that it is illegal to push snow onto or leave piles and ridges along the roadway and in the right of way according to MN statute 160.2715

Becker County is only responsible for mailbox damage when it is struck with the plow equipment, not from snow coming off the plow. Call and let us know if you think your mailbox was damaged from contact.

Please place garbage cans behind your mailbox post for pickup, this will allow us plenty of room to plow the shoulder of the roadway. Any cans placed on the shoulder are difficult for plow trucks to work around.

Have a safe winter and if you have any questions regarding snow and ice removal from Becker County Highways, please call 218-847-4463