

OSAGE TOWNSHIP

BECKER COUNTY, MN

Dear Citizens:

As the winter has started, we have had a number of snow storms that have hit our Township. As our maintenance crews have been out working diligently to keep our roads plowed and safe for the public to travel, it has come to their attention and been brought to the Township Board's attention that a number of citizens are plowing snow from their driveway out into the road or road right-of-way.

When snow plowing is required, it can cause a safety problem if it pushed out into the road, across the road or into the right-of-way. The way to do it safely and effectively is to plow it back into your driveway or property so that it is not a safety concern.

It has been a large enough issue that the State of Minnesota has created statute 160.2715 which says "except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, contractors, and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract and except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon, and any violation of this section is a misdemeanor".

When the term highway is used it means road top, ditch and road right-of-way.

From this point on if all citizens that need to plow could please plow their snow back into their own driveway /property as is stated above it would be greatly appreciated by The Osage Township Board and all the traveling public that travels our roads.

If any questions, we can be contacted at the regular monthly board meeting which is the 2nd Thursday of every month or contact a Township Supervisor.

Thank you,
Osage Township Board
January 9th, 2020