



Maintaining County Roads During a Snowfall

What we do

1. All winter long, we monitor 4 weather reports and do continuous patrols to keep County Roads safe for drivers.
2. If snow is forecasted, we may use anti-icing liquid if conditions are suitable.
3. During snowfall, our crews continuously sand, salt and plow until road conditions have improved.
4. If snow banks accumulate after snowfall, our crews remove snow in some towns and villages.

When we plow

Timelines for clearing roads are based on the depth of snow and class of road, as outlined in the Province of Ontario's Minimum Maintenance Standards (MMS) for Municipal Highways.



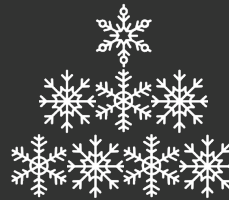
Class 1 roads

Crews dispatched within **4 hours** of **2.5 cm** of snowfall



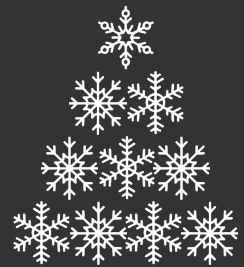
Class 2 roads

Crews dispatched within **6 hours** of **5 cm** of snowfall



Class 3 & 4 roads

Crews dispatched within **12-16 hours** of **8 cm** of snowfall



Class 5 roads

Crews dispatched within **24 hours** of **10 cm** of snowfall

Road classes help prioritize sections of municipal roads to ensure emergency services and residents have access to safe and clear routes during snowfall. For examples of County roads in each class, visit Northumberland.ca/Snow.

Did you know?



The County maintains approx. **900 lane km** of road during winter operations



The County has approx. **27 pieces of equipment** dedicated to winter operations (plows, loaders, and graders)