

Clearing Your Driveway

Throughout the winter months, our crews will be out clearing the roads during and after snowfalls. At the same time residents are clearing their driveways. Many times while this is going on, a snowplow truck will go by and fill in the end of a freshly cleared driveway with snow from the road, causing frustration and more clearing for residents. Please understand that the road commission's first priority is the safety of the traveling public and clearing the roads of snow and ice and pushing it off of the road and shoulders, and sometimes into driveways, is a necessary wintertime evil. Residents sometimes call and ask why we cannot pick up the blade when going by their driveway. This is not a practical solution and our drivers would never finish clearing the roads due to the multitude of driveways. There is, however, a method of clearing your driveway that can help minimize the amount of snow (and frustration) during the winter months:

- If possible (not always practical), clear your driveway after we have finished plowing the roads
- When clearing your driveway, place as much snow as possible in the direction of travel, on the downstream side of the road.
- Clear an area upstream from your driveway opening to form a "pocket" for the snow from the road to go into. The result? More of the snow from the road will go into the pocket and less will wind up in the end of your driveway. See illustration below.

