

Cedar Lake Township Right-Of-Way Notice: Do Not Push Snow

Notice: Do Not Push Snow into Roadways including the Road - Right of way (ROW) - Note: Right-Of-Way (aka road ditch) is an area approximately 33' from the center of the road.

Under Minnesota Statute 160.2715, 169.43 and 609.47 Cedar Lake Township reminds residents that taking snow from a private property and depositing it into a public road and ROW ditch (includes gravel and blacktop roads), and or trails without a prior agreement with the Township, is considered a public hazard.

According to the laws of the State of Minnesota, depositing snow in any fashion onto a public street/road/ditch (ROW) is illegal and punishable as a misdemeanor. The act of placing snow onto a public roadway/ ROW may subject a person to a civil liability if a road hazard (slippery area, frozen rut, snow pile or bump) occurs and causes a traffic accident. The civil liability may extend to both the property owner and person (snow removal contractor) who actually placed the snow on the roadway.

Cedar Lake Township asked all citizens to obey these rules which are designed to keep the streets/road and trails safe during winter months.

Note: (1) Ditch Right-of-Way area is approximately 33' from the center of the road. (2) Large snow piles can cause damage to the plow and injury the driver.