

TOWN OF MAPLE 2023-24 PRIVATE DRIVEWAY SNOW PLOWING APPLICATION & RELEASE OF CLAIM

In accordance with an adopted Town of Maple policy, snow plowing services must be paid for in advance for the upcoming snow season. The Town of Maple will snow plow driveways providing the following conditions are met. **1) All driveways must be a minimum of twenty (20) feet wide and have a fourteen (14) foot overhead clearance. A 24' entrance is required. Be advised that this is in and out plowing and not complete snow removal. 2) Driveway must be free of obstructions such as vehicles and overhead tree limbs. Items such as wells and holding tanks must be clearly marked. Owner will be held liable for damage to town equipment caused by obstructions in the area plowed. 3) An adequate turn around space must be provided 4) The fee must be paid and the release form signed and placed on file with the Town.**

The Town of Maple, its officials and employees will not be held liable for damage to any items encountered in the area to be snow plowed. The Town Board reserves the right to withdraw services at any time if above conditions are not met.

Driveways will not be plowed until the ground is frozen to minimize surface damage or by decision of the Town officials. Driveways will only be plowed if snowfall accumulation is 4 inches or more or at the discretion of the Board, and **only after the roads have been plowed.** Snow plowing **may not occur on the same day as the snow event.** If at any time, you don't want your driveway plowed, please inform Roger by calling the Town Garage at 715-363-2504.

The non-refundable fee is a one-time charge for the period: November 1, 2023 to May 1, 2024.

- FEES: \$300 - MUST be postmarked by November 12th
- \$350 - MUST be postmarked by December 12th
- \$400 - MUST be postmarked on or after January 12th

Please see the note on the fee increase on the reverse side

Send your application (below) and payment to:

Tanya Colby | Treasurer, Town of Maple | 3284 S. Colby Rd Maple, WI 54854

I request the private driveway snow plowing service offered by the Town of Maple. I certify that my driveway conforms to the standards listed above and that the Town of Maple will not be held liable for any personal injury or property damage when engaged in snow plowing on my property.

SIGNATURE:

PRINTED NAME:

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

PHONE:

DATE:

***Under Wis. Stat. § 86.105, municipalities may enter into contracts to plow private roads and driveways. This is optional, not a requirement, meaning the town is not required to provide the service and town residents are not required to opt in. However, if a town or village contracts with private property owners for the plowing of private roads or driveways, the amount charged must be sufficient to cover the municipality's actual costs of providing the service to ensure that no general tax revenue is used to supplement the expense.*

Unfortunately, fuel costs have risen dramatically - in 2021, the Town of Maple spent \$10,713.86 on fuel; in 2022 the cost of fuel nearly doubled - to total \$20,214.76; and, the town anticipates spending a similar amount on fuel in 2023. Thus, the dramatic increase in snow plowing fees.

But here's the good news - it's still fairly reasonable. On average, a driveway is plowed ten times in a snow plowing season, though some driveways are plowed 25 times or more, depending on drifting. If a resident pays the \$300 fee and her driveway is plowed ten times, a single plow breaks down to \$30 per event - and even less if the driveway is plowed more frequently.

Snow plowing is a service the Town of Maple provides to its residents, though the town is not legally obligated to do so; nor are residents required to utilize the service. However, in order to continue to provide snow plowing to you, the town must charge accordingly.