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News Release

Winter Driving Conditions

In anticipation of the forecasted winter storms, the Dodge County Highway Department would like to remind drivers to prepare for winter conditions.

The first consideration should be to determine if traveling is necessary during storm events. Minimizing travel minimizes risk.

When planning to drive on snow covered roads, allow sufficient time to drive a safe speed on slippery roads. Be aware of scattered slippery spots on what may seem to be clear dry roads. Shaded sections of road or drifting snow cause hazards any time in the winter season.

The Dodge County hours of winter service are:

Class I State Highways	24-hour service (on the following sections of road:)
	USH 151
	USH 41
	STH 26 (Watertown – STH 60 West)
	STH 33 (Beaver Dam to E. County Line)
	STH 60 (STH 67 - Hartford)

Class II State Highways (Identified by a number)	4:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. (all other state highways not listed above.)
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County Highways (Identified by a letter)	4:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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Snowplowing equipment and operators are the essential elements for safe winter driving in Wisconsin. Drivers must recognize this equipment and the operators and allow them the room and respect they need to clear roadways of snow and ice safely.

Property owners pushing snow into and across highways or onto shoulders can cause hazardous conditions for motorists and snow plow operators.

Depositing snow in roadways is illegal and may result in fines or public liability lawsuits. Private snow removal equipment operating on or near highways should be equipped with safety lights operating at all times.

It is our goal to provide safe traveling for everyone on state and county highways in Dodge County. Please help our operators do their job by minimizing travel in bad weather and driving responsibly when approaching highway maintenance and emergency vehicles.

Brian Field
Highway Commissioner