



Always doing more for less!

WINTER OPERATIONS



**The McHenry Township Road District:
Always doing more for less!**

**Every one knows we plow the snow
and keep our roads in tip-top shape.**

**Because the Township Road District is by nature
a low-key operation, many citizens are unaware
that in addition to maintaining over 100 miles
of Township roadways, the Road District's
dedicated team of professionals quietly provides
our community with a surprisingly wide range of
beneficial community services.**

Hiring, training and retaining dedicated employees.
The Road District employs only CDL qualified drivers.
Further, each is trained by the Road District team
in order for each driver to master the special skills
required to operate the District's massive plows, under
all conditions, at optimum plowing speeds as well as in
caution-required close-quarter circumstances such as in
subdivisions.

Keeping our Township roads safe.
Keeping Township roads safe and free of snow and
ice requires a staff of dedicated and highly trained
professionals, each willing to be on 24 hour call and,
as often as not, working under exceedingly harsh
conditions at all hours of the day or night.



Planning ahead for the challenges of Winter weather.
Based on years of experience and know-how, in advance
of approaching weather, Road District crews strategically
place snow fencing in order to prevent the potential
hazard of drifting snow.



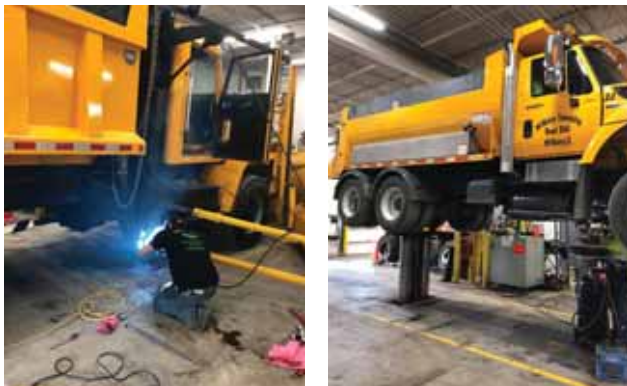
Heavy snow can damage mail boxes and road signs.
Rural Township citizens are always pleased to know that
when snow is severe enough to damage roadside mail
boxes, the Road District crew promptly replaces
damaged mail boxes as a courtesy.



When critical road signs are damaged by heavy snow or
by accident, the District's in-house sign department
promptly replaces the damaged signs as a top priority.

Operating a fleet of sophisticated heavy equipment.

The Road District leadership oversees both the financial and physical management of an extensive fleet of heavy equipment including massive snow plows, earth moving equipment and support vehicles - all maintained in A-plus tip-top condition, as a result of being impeccably and continually maintained by the Road District's full-time master mechanic.



Keeping plows & equipment in like-new condition.

Some Township Road District plows, even as they approach their 20th year of service, are kept in such good condition that they often appear to be new vehicles.

Over time, the fleet is updated with the oldest plows responsibly budgeted for retirement to be replaced by advanced technology vehicles that can be operated at substantially lower costs.

The Township's Salt Dome reduces costs.

The Road District benefits from having an on-site enclosed salt storage dome. Because of its convenient central location, our environmentally safe salt dome also serves state and county road crews, resulting in cost sharing and cost savings for McHenry Township. This is yet another example of how we are always doing more for less.



Maximizing the effectiveness of road salt application.

In order to minimize snow cover and icing, Township roads are pre-treated with an environmentally friendly "super mix". After snow falls, when salt is subsequently applied, it contains a proportion of the organic "super mix" which substantially improves the salt's ability to rapidly melt snow and ice, even under extreme cold temperatures. Use of this "super mix" reduces the amount of salt required to keep Township roads free of ice and snow. This cost-saving approach is another example of how the Road District is doing more for less.



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