

# ST. MARY'S GLACIER METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

## ROAD MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

For road concerns and issues please email or call Tom Meyers at 720-934-8384

**FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911**

### SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

The winter season in St. Mary's runs from October through May. There are 9 miles of road that the Metro District maintains within the St. Mary's and Winterland Subdivisions.

- ❖ Snow removal operations are 5 am to 5 pm (as needed)
- ❖ Snow removal will start when we get 4 to 6 inches of accumulation
- ❖ Roads are cleared based upon wind, snow accumulation, weather forecast, and the judgement of the staff

The District strives to have roads cleared of snow in the timeliest manner possible. Please be patient with our staff and plan your day accordingly.

### Helpful hints:

- ❖ Keep emergency gear in your vehicle in case you get stuck or stranded due to road conditions
- ❖ Maintain awareness of road conditions and prepare in advance. Some areas accumulate snow faster than others and Metro staff prioritizes service based upon the greatest need
- ❖ Snow berms (windrows) are a natural occurrence when plow blades push snow. The crew makes every effort to not create undue work for homeowners. However, there are times when there is no way to avoid it.
- ❖ Metro staff are not allowed to use Metro equipment or time to clear homeowners' driveways
- ❖ Vehicles parked on roadways or on other areas which pose an impediment to plowing operations will be tagged and given 24 hours for removal. If not moved after 24 hours, the vehicle(s) will be towed at the owner's expense.

When there are snow events that last days and accumulations are significant, please be patient with the road crew and rest assured that they are doing everything possible to remove the snow in the timeliest manner possible. The safety of the crew and the residents in the community is of the utmost importance to the Metro District.

### SPRING AND SUMMER ROAD OPERATIONS

As welcome as spring is to the St. Mary's area, it too has its challenges. Spring runoff AKA "mud season" can turn the roads and the surrounding areas into a bit of a mess. Helpful Hints:

- ❖ Keep the culverts in front of your lot(s) clear of debris and silt. The better your culvert is flowing the better the runoff water stays in the ditches.
- ❖ Culverts protect your property from erosion. They also protect the roads that your tax dollars support. If you do not have a culvert, please speak with Tom Meyers, as one should be installed.

The infrastructure of our roads (gravel) requires summer maintenance and grooming.

Maintenance plan includes:

- ❖ Pulling ditches to improve drainage
- ❖ Use reclaimed material to build up roads that have eroded due to winter snow and runoff
- ❖ Grading roads to help prevent wash-boarding, deep ruts, holes, and large rocks that have come up on the road

Rural Community Safety tips:

- ✓ Be sure that your address is clearly displayed on the exterior of your home for emergency response services
- ✓ In extreme weather, even well-maintained roads can become impassible, and tire chains can be very useful
- ✓ Dust from dirt/gravel mountain roads is a fact of life. If you have respiratory problems, keep your doors and windows closed during dry conditions.
- ✓ Keep fresh water in containers in case of electrical outage or freezing
- ✓ Keep plenty of food and other necessary provisions on hand when extreme weather is in the forecast
- ✓ Have alternate heat sources available should power go out
- ✓ Keep in mind that fire mitigation is the homeowner's responsibility
- ✓ Fire restrictions are put into place by the Clear Creek County Sherriff. Please make yourself aware of the rules and follow them.