

Safety Reminders - Drive carefully - Slow down

Gravel roads are harder to drive on because of the loose gravel and the traction is not there. Throw speed into the mix and you have a formula for trouble. Empire works hard to keep up our gravel roads but construction materials, weather, traffic volumes, and vehicle weights can change a gravel road's condition very quickly. Approach gravel roads with caution!

Paved roads throughout developed areas need to be driven at a very slow speed. You never know if a child, bike etc. might run out in front of you. Slow down even more at intersections. Stop at all stop signs.

One of the biggest complaints in Empire Township is the speed of drivers. Slow down!

Stormwater Pollution Prevention - Reminder: Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the streets and away from storm drains, ditches or waterways. Leaves in the gutter in front of your house are on a fast track to our lakes and rivers. When it rains, leaves are washed into storm drains and directly into the nearest lake or the Vermillion River. Once they get into the water and begin to decay, leaves release nutrients that contribute to the algae which makes recreation unpleasant. Excess algae also uses up the water's oxygen, harming aquatic inhabitants.

Snow removal and parking: As much as some people hate the thought of winter, it is coming. We would like to remind you that any vehicle left unattended upon any street, parking lot or public area, which constitutes an obstruction to traffic or to removal of snow, may be removed at the vehicle's owner's expense per Ordinance No. 240.

It is unlawful for anyone to deposit any snow or ice in a public road right-of-way or to otherwise obstruct a public road. This does include pushing/plowing snow across the public road.

On garbage collection day, place your garbage can four feet off the road so that the plows do not hit them, damage them and drag them down the road. Plowed snow will knock over the garbage can and garbage will be all over the place.

It is important to keep fire hydrants shoveled in case we might need them!

Hydrant Flushing: The scheduled date to start hydrant flushing is the week of October 12. When the hydrants are being flushed, you may notice a change in water pressure and clarity. This change should only occur during the flushing cycle.

Compost Permits: RRT, 16454 Blaine Ave., has offered to process Empire Township's resident's compost for free. **Stop at the Town Hall for a free permit which is good for one season.**

Hope it's a Fall of sweet surprises for you....Happy Fall!

