

Dear Neighbors &
Commercial Drivers who
drive cars, pick-ups, four-
wheelers, RVs, trucks,
buses & motorcycles...

BE KIND!
SLOW DOWN
or actually STOP
For
Walkers
Joggers
Bike Riders
Horses
Families in their own
yards
School Buses
Township Workers
Road Graders
Mowers
Snow Plows
Farm Vehicles
Postal Workers
and
Emergency Responders

Over 25 miles of gravel roads connect
us in
Empire Township.

Very special roads.

Gravel roads are alive.
They are constantly changing.
For that reason, it's too dangerous for posted
speeds.

You must use *good judgment!*

We share Empire's gravel roads with lots of
people, equipment, and wildlife. Gravel roads
are often unpredictable. Just a fact.

If you go too fast, bad things happen on gravel
in an instant. Speed is always a factor. Just a
fact.

Also, gravel roads are dirty. Dust, mud, small
rocks; why kick that up in people's faces? It's
rude.

Just another fact.

So, slow down.

**For your sake and for everyone else who chose
rural life:**

Quiet; Safe; Close to nature.

Life in the slow lane.

This insert was written by a long-time resident after talking with many other people who are sick and tired of "gravel grinchies" of ALL ages. Government can't solve this problem.

Let's start with what to do with your hands when you're driving. Instead of using one finger to express your frustration with someone who's in your way, take a deep breath, slow down, and do the "Gravel Wave." lift ALL FOUR fingers of one hand off the wheel. That's it. No smile necessary. It's a courtesy that dates back to horse and buggy days when people took time to acknowledge each other on the road.

That alone would be a big improvement.

- From Your Empire Township Neighbors