

Weekend snows pile up costs

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Snow and more snow is playing havoc with the Oakland County Road Commission's budget.

Some 30,000 tons of salt have been dumped on Oakland County roads. That's more than two-thirds the amount normally used at this time of year.

But the cost problem isn't salt but skyrocketing overtime.

"The cost factor is worse than any other winter," said Dennis Pajot, public information officer for the Oakland County Road Commission. "We've had five consecutive weekends of snow storms and a lot of night work, which accounts for a lot of overtime pay."

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inches of snow on the ground, which is more than Oakland road crews have seen since 1972.

On the average, 102 pieces of equipment have been on the roads at any given time during the last month, up from the usual 88.

"One thing we're grateful about is that our equipment isn't breaking down. We're only suffering from normal breakdown which is 10 percent."

"We haven't replaced equipment in the past few years so we're very lucky," he added.

LAST FALL 65 road commission employees were laid off, including about 30 road crewmen.

"We're training people right and left to operate the machines," he said.

Plowing snow has been the road crews' biggest job, and it's getting tougher because of huge snowbanks blocking traffic lanes.

"We usually don't use our graders in the winter, but we are now, because they're better able to push the heavy snow bank," Pajot said.

"This situation has left us with bigger snow banks than usual for the metropolitan area, and we don't have the big blowers do the job like they do up north."

ROAD CREWS head for critical streets first — those with 40,000 or more vehicles a day — before the snow stops falling. They are maintaining a subdivision plowing schedule, but are not working on overtime there.

"We have over 2,700 miles of road responsibility, including 251 state trunk lines like Woodward and the freeways. This is a 900-square-mile county," Pajot said.

Melting snow, which turns to water and salt, are sure to create potholes, all of which may not be fixed because of the expense. Because the road commission is spending so much money on road crew wages, it may be forced to cut back on spring repairs.

"We are usually able to repair potholes in the winter, but we've been unable to do that because we're so busy plowing snow," Pajot said. "We have very definitely spent a lot more money than anticipated on plowing, and if it continues, there will have to be cut-backs in the spring."

THE ROAD Commission asks that residents refrain from calling its office unless they spot a serious safety hazard.

When plowing driveways, residents should place their snow on the lawn to the right of the driveway to minimize the chances of being plowed in.

Residents may also want to put flags on mailboxes, so crews can spot them.

"If there's a lot of thawing at one time, they can help by cleaning up the area around the catch basins," he said.

Pajot also warned people against parking their cars in the roadway, blocking access for snow plows.

"We call the police about any car left in the road way and they've been very cooperative about getting the car towed away — at the owner's expense," he said.

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