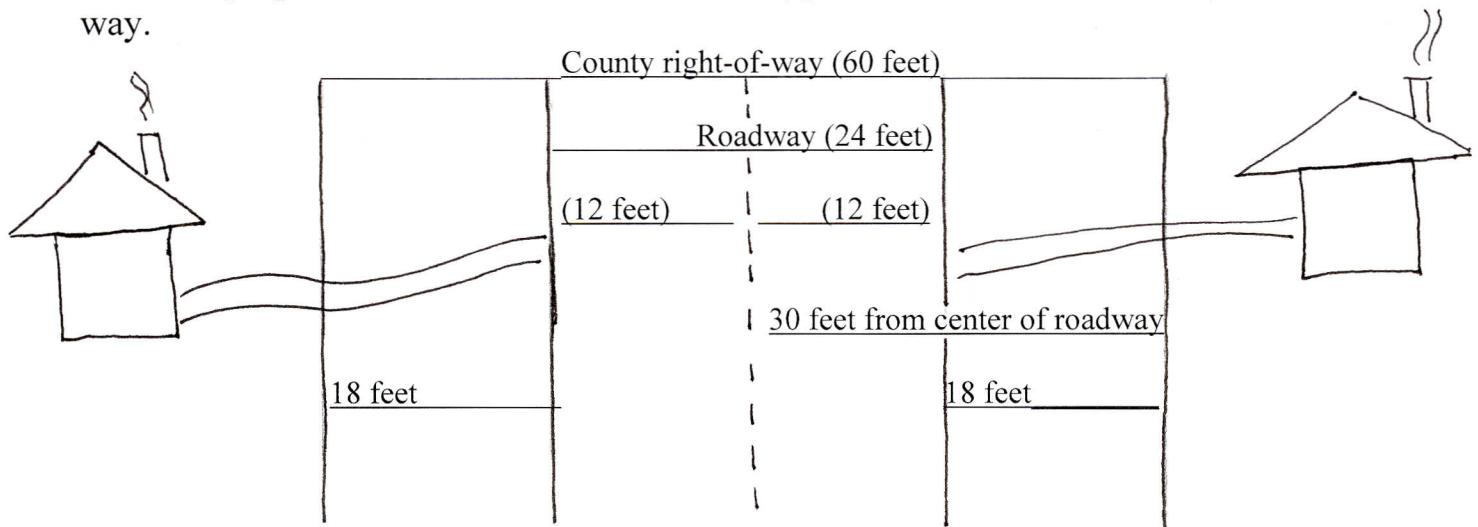


## Citizens Can Help Ensure Efficient Snow Removal From Roads

- Prepare for the snow. Flagstaff is the 8<sup>th</sup> snowiest city in the 48 contiguous states and the 30-year average annual snowfall is over 100 inches- get snow shovels, snow blowers and tire chains.
- Know what kind of road you live on. The County does not plow private roads and the priority for plowing public roads is as follows: arterials, collectors, main residential, side streets and cul-de-sacs.
- If you live on a private road, get together with your neighbors and have a plan for plowing.
- Know what is too much for you to shovel. In the event of heavy snowfall you may need to hire a private plow operator to plow your driveway or berm a couple times in one day to keep up with our plows, which are also trying to keep up with the snowfall.
- If you are able, help out those neighbors that are elderly or disabled by shoveling their driveway or berm. The County cannot plow berms or driveways.
- Respect the County right-of-way boundary by not landscaping, building or parking in it. The County's right-of-way often extends 30 feet out from the center of the road. Leaving at least 10 feet off the side of the road clear for our operators would be helpful. If you must build in the County's right-of-way, contact the Public Works Department for an encroachment permit to ensure proper standards are met. Below are typical measurements of the County's right-of-way.



- Think about snow removal operations when constructing your mailbox- put the metal post behind the ditch line and install an arm that extends out to the road, 45 inches off the ground, with the box on the arm.
- Do not shovel or plow snow back onto the roadway. It is dangerous and you could be held liable in the case of an accident. Arizona State Statute 13-2906 states that "obstructing a highway or other public thoroughfare is a class 3 misdemeanor".
- Avoid parking along County roadways between the months of November 1- April 1 at all hours. If you park along the roads you may get towed.
- Try not to take it personally! Plow drivers are doing their job and not intentionally trying to create hardship for you. They also wake up- or come home to- a berm that they need to shovel to get to work.
- Any questions, call the Coconino County Public Works Department (928)526-2735.