

Reflective Road Markers

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Winter will be arriving shortly and with that comes the snow. With the arrival of the snow comes the problem of keeping the roads plowed. The early snow falls can be very difficult to plow. Most of the time the crew begins plowing while it is still dark, this along with everything being blanketed in white, can cause the drivers not to be able to determine the exact edge of the blacktop. With this in mind, the Town of Grand Rapids has a policy in place to allow the use of reflective break-away markers to be placed in the road right-of-way by residents. The following excerpt, taken from the Town's Snow and Ice Control Policy, outlines the guidelines of this policy:

- Only approved break-away markers that are **purchased through the Town of Grand Rapids** will be permitted.
- Markers **must not** be placed closer than three (3) feet to the edge of the blacktop.
- Markers must not be placed closer than ten (10) feet from each other.

Any markers not following the above guidelines are subject to removal by the Town of Grand Rapids and/or possible forfeiture as per Road Ordinance No. 19 and Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures Ordinance No. 39.

In the use of the temporary snow markers, the residents understand that the Town of Grand Rapids will not be liable for any breakage or replacement of said markers.

Under normal plowing conditions, the crews will do their best to avoid hitting the markers but it is possible that there may be some breakage of the markers should the year's snow fall dictate that the banks be rolled back.

The Board has not, at this time, set dates as to when they will allow the markers to be placed in the fall or a date when they must be removed in the spring. Should this become necessary it will be addressed at a future date.

The markers are available at the Municipal Building, 2410 48th St. South, for a cost of \$2.00 each. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Thur and 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Fridays.