

## **Snow Removal Guidelines**

The Snow Removal Plan calls for the Borough to be divided into sections. Each section is assigned a driver and a specific piece of equipment to plow and remain in that section until all roadways have been sufficiently cleared. This may require the snow removal vehicle to make multiple passes on each street. Borough Snow Removal Vehicles will plow each street curb to curb during each snowfall. On occasion, due to the lack of areas between the sidewalk and curb, sidewalks and driveway aprons may become covered with snow. Borough Snow Removal Vehicles will not remove snow from any sidewalk or driveway apron.

Within each section, the major collection streets and roadways are attended to first with the residential streets following. This prioritization is based on identifying primary accesses, emergency response needs and school bus routes. Local streets, and particularly cul-de-sac streets, are plowed after primary streets have been cleared. The local streets carry the least amount of traffic and must be serviced in accordance with that factor. The Borough is aware that your street is important to you and our Public Works Department is committed to continue providing excellent snow removal service.

Each property owner can also assist the Borough in providing an improved level of service by observing the following suggestions:

One of the most important ways to assist the Borough is by not parking vehicles in cul-de-sac or on local municipal streets. Plows cannot get into a turn-around when cars are parked on the street. Please keep your vehicle off the street until the street has been completely cleared. Residents are reminded that the Borough has a general policy for snow removal; however, each storm event may be a cause for change.

The Borough, in most cases, will plow the street two separate times. The first time will be to clear an access to the primary roads and the second pass will push the snow back to the edge of the street (curb to curb). This is done to provide clearance on the street and to insure an adequate area to plow snow in additional storm.

Know that when streets are plowed, the snow will go into your driveway and onto your sidewalk. If possible, wait until the street is plowed before clearing driveway openings or sidewalks. Also, please clear a wider area on the edge of the street before your driveway to allow much of the snow to leave the plow before it gets into your driveway.

Never shovel snow out into the streets. Snow shoveled into the street causes a hazard by freezing and causing bumps in the roadway. Be a good neighbor and shovel snow away from the street and if applicable, onto your lawn.

For safety reasons, please shovel out fire hydrants and crosswalks located on or in close proximity to your property.

Motorists are urged to have a greater awareness of municipal vehicles salting or plowing snow. The municipal vehicle is performing an emergency operation and motorists should not interfere or impede the plow in any way. In the course of clearing the street, the municipal vehicle may behave in unexpected ways, such as backing up a short distance against traffic.

Thank you for your cooperation and any questions you might have, please contact Hamburg Road Department office at 973-827-7702