



Seasonal Tips

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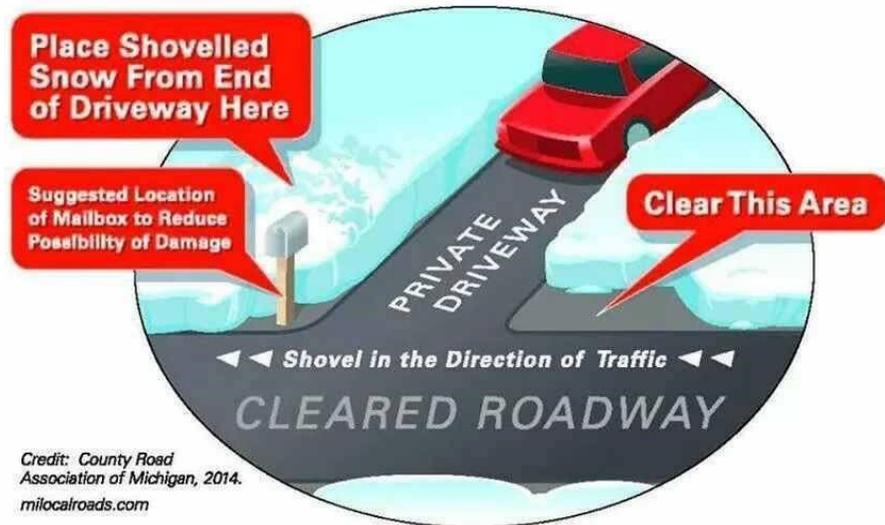
Public Works Dept.

The Public Works Department of West Norriton Township ensures that all of the infrastructures within the township are maintained and secured. The department maintains over 50 miles of streets in addition to the regular annual responsibilities such as leaf collection and snow removal.

Snow Removal

Avoid the "Second Shovel"

After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway only to have it plowed in when your local snowplow comes through? Clearing an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below), giving the snow on the plow a place to go other than your driveway, should keep you from having to do the same job twice.



Salting and Plowing

There are two aspects of a snow operation - salting and plowing. When roads start to freeze from falling precipitation, salting operations begin on the Snow Emergency Routes and continue until all roads are completed or until it is no longer effective to salt (due to the depth of snow). The more traffic on a road, the more effective the salt. As a result, some residential streets with small amounts of traffic may appear to have not been salted.

Please keep in mind that as temperatures drop, salt becomes less effective. Once the temperature drops below 20 degrees, salt is no longer effective at all.

If snowfall accumulates and plowing is required, salting operations cease. When the snow stops and final plowing is accomplished on all roads, salt is spread again. All roads are monitored for icy spots and re-salted where dangerous conditions persist.

Priority Roads

As snow begins to accumulate, the Township concentrates on certain roads. The first streets that receive attention are the Snow Emergency Routes. Once the Snow Emergency Routes are treated then the crews move into their regular residential routes.

Snow on State Roads

State snow removal crews are responsible for clearing state roads. These roads are as follows: W. Main St, Trooper Rd, W. Marshall St, Whitehall Rd and Burnside Ave. However, a Township plow will keep their blades down while traveling a state road to assist in the state's snow removal process out of courtesy and safety for travelers.

Driveway Clearing

As salting and plowing are difficult operations to perform, residents are requested to park in their driveways when snow is anticipated to accumulate 3 inches or more, rather than on the street as per Ordinance #683. Please keep in mind that it is almost impossible to keep snow from being deposited at your driveway during plowing, as the plow cannot be lifted or stopped at each driveway as it passes



Sidewalk and Fire Hydrant Clearing

Residents and business owners are asked that, as a courtesy, all public sidewalks be shoveled within 24 hours after a snowfall. Otherwise, individuals could slip and become injured. Remember that it is easier to remove snow before pedestrians pack it down.

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please clear the snow away from the area around it. This will assist fire crews in the event of an emergency.



Patience Please

Please be patient, snow removal is a difficult and time-consuming process. Since Township crews need many hours of intensive labor to complete snow clearing operations, please try to limit your travel during and immediately following a snowfall unless absolutely necessary. The less traffic on the roads during snow clearing operations, the quicker the job can be accomplished.

Important Numbers

For emergencies, call 911

Public Works Department: (610) 631-0450

Please only call if it is an urgent matter. If snow removal crews are sent off their normal routes on special efforts, it slows down the overall cleanup. Your street will be plowed as quickly as possible.

If you do call to report a condition, the information is immediately dispatched to a truck in your district. There is no need to call a second time.

In the event of a police, fire or ambulance emergency, the Township's plow drivers are dispatched in conjunction with the emergency vehicles.

Neighbor & Family Safety

West Norriton Township would like to thank residents for their continued support throughout the winter season, and remind residents to check on family, friends and neighbors to ensure their safety and wellbeing this winter



Snow Emergencies

Please be reminded that parking restrictions will go into effect during any snow storm that a snow emergency is declared. Snow emergencies are declared when three or more inches of snow are predicted. These restrictions are enforced on all snow emergency routes within the township boundaries. These restrictions were adopted by the Board of Commissioners under Ordinance 524 which prohibits vehicle parking during the snow emergency on any designated snow emergency route.

Ordinance 524 reads "When a snow emergency has been declared throughout the township, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any street that is designated a snow emergency route until the snow has been completely plowed for the full width of the cart way."

Accumulation Over 3 Inches

Pursuant to Ordinance 683, after any snow emergency is declared and/or upon the accumulation of 3 inches of ice or snow, it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the emergency, for any person to park a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any snow emergency route.

When a snow emergency has been declared due to accumulation, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on streets throughout the Township until the snow has been completely plowed for the full width of the cartway. This provision shall not apply to those streets within the Township where only on-street parking is available.

Additional Information

Parking in cul-de-sacs is another problem that has caused serious delays for emergency vehicles. Vehicle parking in cul-de-sacs is not permitted at any time during the duration of the snow emergency declaration.

Please check your mail boxes to make sure it is sound and at least 6 inches behind the face of the curb. Mailboxes which hang out past the curb might be damaged during snow plowing operations.

West Norriton Township and the Jefferson Fire Company also request that all fire hydrants that are located in front of your home also be cleared of snow.

Please help us to help you have a safe and pleasant winter season