

WHY SOME ROADS ARE CLEARED BEFORE OTHERS

As snow begins to accumulate, the Township concentrates on certain roads. The first streets that receive attention are the major roads (or “Priority” roads, please refer to the list on the reverse side). As long as the snow keeps falling, the Township’s first priority is to keep the main roads open and passable. In such instances, it is unlikely that residential roads will be reached immediately, because the main roads must be repeatedly plowed and kept open. As soon as all major streets are clear, equipment is immediately moved into residential areas.

Under normal circumstances, cul-de-sacs and dead end streets are the last residential streets to be cleared. Cul-de-sacs and dead end streets are plowed last because they carry the lowest volume of traffic among the different types of streets.

STATE AND COUNTY ROADS

State Highways are cleared by state snow removal crews. County Roadways are cleared by county snow removal crews.

SALTING AND PLOWING

There are two aspects to a snow operation. The first being salting and the second, snow plowing. When roads start to freeze from falling precipitation, salting operations begin on priority roads and continue until all roads are complete or until it is no longer effective to salt, due to the depth of the snow. The more traffic on a road, the more effective the salt. As a result, sometimes residential streets with small amounts of traffic may appear as not to have been salted.

Please keep in mind that as the temperature drops the salt becomes less effective. Once the temperature drops below 20 degrees, salt becomes ineffective.

If a snowfall accumulates and plowing is required, salting operations cease. When the snow stops and the final plowing has been accomplished on all roads, salt is again spread on all the roads. All roads are monitored for icy spots and resalted where dangerous.

CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY

As salting and plowing are difficult operations to perform, residents are requested to park in their driveways when snow is anticipated rather than on the street. 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.

If you have your driveway plowed before the street is completed, here is a tip that will help minimize the amount of snow left in front of your driveway. When your driveway is cleaned, clear an area to the left of the driveway entrance (standing in the driveway facing the street). When your street is plowed, the snow from the plow can be unloaded in this area instead of your driveway.

Plows sometimes find it necessary to make several passes, in order to clear snow all the way to the curb to allow for proper drainage.

Please do not empty snow from your driveway into the street. This slows the overall plowing operation. Also, if snow that is placed in the street freezes, it can create a traffic hazard.

FIRE HYDRANTS

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

PLEASE, BE PATIENT

Please, be patient. Snow removal is a difficult and a time consuming job. Since Township crews need many hours 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

Township Office (8:30 am -4:30pm):
(610) 539-8020
Police Department (7 am – 8 pm):
(610) 539-5901

Please try not to call, unless it is urgent. 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.

Please remember that your cooperation will help expedite the snow removal process. Thank you and have a wonderful winter.

TOWNSHIP PRIORITY ROADS

Adams Avenue
Arcola Road
Church Road
Clearfield Avenue
Collegeville Road
Crawford Avenue
Crosskeys Road
Eagle Stream Drive
East Mount Kirk Avenue
Eisenhower Avenue
Hillside Avenue
Jefferson Avenue
Level Road
Madison Avenue
Monroe Boulevard
Parklane Drive
Pinetown Road
Rittenhouse Road
Summit Avenue
Sunnyside Avenue
Township Line Road
Van Buren Avenue
West Mount Kirk Avenue
Woodland Avenue

STATE ROADS

Audubon Road
Eagleville Road
Egypt Road
Evansburg Road
Level Road (Ridge Pike to
Yerkes Road)
Park Avenue
Pawlings Road
Ridge Pike
River Road
Trooper Road
Yerkes Road
422 Expressway

COUNTY ROAD

Germantown Pike

INFORMATION REGARDING

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TOWNSHIP

Mailbox Guidelines

From the wear and tear of daily use to constant assault from the elements, these guidelines will help you set up a mailbox that stands up to it all.

If you're buying a new mailbox, look for the Postmaster General's seal of approval; every new mailbox design should be reviewed and approved before it goes to market.

If you opt to construct your own mailbox, you should run your plans by your local postmaster. Overall, the mailbox you build will need to meet the same size, strength, and quality standards as manufactured boxes.

The house or apartment number should be clearly displayed on your mailbox. And, if your mailbox is on a different street than your house, the street name should appear on it, too.

Because of varying road and curb conditions, the Postal Service™ recommends that you contact your local postmaster for approval of the location of your mailbox before you put it up.

Put a roadside mailbox where a carrier can safely reach inside without leaving the truck. That means positioning it about 41" to 45" off the ground and back about 6" to 8" from the curb. In the absence of a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.

If you live in the city and are attaching the box to your house, just make sure it can be accessed easily from your sidewalk, steps, or porch. Because city carriers often shoulder heavy bags, put your mailbox about 4' from the ground. That way, your carrier won't have to stretch or bend to

reach it. And remember to keep the path to your mailbox clear in inclement weather.

