



# Lower Providence Township Snow Removal Information

## WHY SOME ROADS ARE CLEARED BEFORE OTHERS

When snow is accumulating, the Township concentrates on certain roads. Major roads (or **priority roads**, please refer to the list below) receive attention first. As long as snow is falling, the Township's main focus is to keep these roads open and passable. 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 moved into residential areas. Under normal circumstances, cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets are the last residential streets to be cleared because they carry the lowest volume of traffic among the different types of streets.

## 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  
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)  
Park Avenue

Pawlings Road  
Ridge Pike  
River Road  
Trooper Road  
Yerkes Road  
422 Expressway

## MONGOMERY COUNTY ROAD

Germantown Pike

***State Highways are cleared by PennDOT snow removal crews. County roadways are cleared by county crews.***

## **SALTING & PLOWING**

The Township's snow removal operation includes salting and 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 to not have been salted.

As the temperature drops, salt becomes less effective. At temperatures below 20 degrees, salt becomes ineffective. If 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. All roads are monitored for icy spots and salt again where needed.

## **CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY**

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

If you have your driveway cleared 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 can be unloaded from the plow 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, snow placed in the street may freeze, creating 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**

Snow removal is a difficult and 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, the faster the job can be accomplished.

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Township Office: 610 539-8020 (Normal business hours 8:00 am – 4:30 pm)

Police Department: 610-539-5901

In the event of a police, fire or ambulance emergency, the Township's plow drivers are dispatched in conjunction with the emergency vehicles. Please call only if 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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. 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.

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.

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.

