

As we approach our first winter storm, the Borough road crew is busy getting the equipment necessary to handle snow and ice removal from the Borough's roadways ready. The following is the general snow and ice removal policy for the Borough with suggestions for the residents to help make the job more efficient and effective. This is a general policy and each storm will dictate how it is implemented and what adjustments will be made.

For the winter storms, the Borough is divided into sections with a truck assigned to each section. The main priority of the Borough is to make the roads under its jurisdiction safe for the travelling public. The main priority of each vehicle is to open each street in its assigned area.

At the start of each storm all the trucks are loaded with salt and sent out to its assigned area with instructions to salt the intersections, hills, and curve areas first, then salt all other areas. Salt needs the movement of traffic to make it most effective; so if it seems your street has not been salted it may just be that there has not been enough traffic on it yet. For the initial plowing sequence, the drivers are instructed to make one pass in each direction on the street and one pass in and one out in cul-de-sacs (up the middle).

Pen Argyl Borough has 12 miles of roads (4 miles of state roads) and two cul de sacs. Our first objective is to make each road passable. After that has been achieved we will commence pushing back of the roads where feasible. This may not be started until the following day because the employees will be sent home to rest after spending long grueling hours working in the initial plowing effort.

Suggestions for the residents to help make the snow removal effort more effective and efficient are as follows:

VEHICLE PARKING: If at all possible, park off the roadway in your driveway. In the case of those homes with steep driveways, just park in the mouth of the driveway off the roadway. Cul- de-sacs are difficult enough to plow without any vehicles parked in them, so please park all vehicles off the roads in the driveways. It doesn't help to park at the end of the cul-de-sac along the curb or to stack park vehicles in that area.

SHOVELING SIDEWALKS: If you only want to shovel one time wait until the street is plowed back to the curb and plowing is done. When shoveling, throw the snow into your yard not the curb or outside edge of sidewalk. By doing this you are leaving the curb open for runoff and drainage. Snow left in curb, when plowed in future storms, will be ice and hard. This makes for more difficult shoveling and may break shear pins in snow blowers. Also by removing snow from sidewalks and putting it in your yard it cannot melt and re-freeze making your sidewalk icy and requiring more attention. Just remember any snow left in curb will be plowed onto the sidewalk in future storms, so don't complain.

DRIVEWAYS: The Borough always receives complaints with regards to having recently shoveled driveway entrances plowed in. Some suggestions for shoveling driveways are:

- Wait until all plowing operations have ceased before shoveling your driveway.
- When shoveling out your driveway, leave the last 6' unshoveled until plowing operations on your street are completed.
- Shovel out into the street approximately 8 feet and 10 feet in both directions adjacent to your driveway along the curblineline or edge of the roadway. This cleared area will allow the plow to unload most of the snow before it crosses the front of the driveway.

Please be patient and allow the skilled employees' time to do their job in plowing the streets. If there is an immediate problem please don't hesitate to call the Borough leaving your name, telephone number, and the nature of the problem. The road department will respond in as timely and efficiently as possible to rectify the situation.

Above all please be courteous to snowplow operators and help your neighbors.