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WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP

Winter Snow Removal Information

The Township enacted a Winter Maintenance Policy and program to provide winter highway safety to the traveling public with the most reasonable, efficient and effective manner.

SNOWPLOWING

Snowplow priority routes are those designated by the posted list approved by the Roadmaster. Those roads having the highest traffic volume, steep hills, near schools, emergency facilities and public institutions will be plowed first. Routes of the second priority are the streets with signalized intersections. Third priority streets are those in the residential developments. The Township will not plow private or undedicated roads.

RESIDENT PARTICIPATION

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

1. One of the most important ways to assist the Township is by not parking vehicles in cul-de-sac or narrow streets and roads. Plows can not get into a turn-around when cars are parked on the street. Please keep your vehicles off the street until the street has been completely cleared off.
2. If possible, wait until the street is plowed before clearing driveway openings.
3. Never shovel or plow snow out into the streets and roads. 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, the sidewalk.
4. For safety reasons, shovel out fire hydrants if they are located on your property.
5. Motorists need to have a greater awareness of Township vehicles salting or plowing snow. The Township 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 Township vehicle may behave in unexpected ways, such as backing up a short distance against traffic.
6. In an attempt to remove snow from roads, plowed snow may damage mailboxes. Wet, heavy snow increases the chance of damage to mailboxes. To reduce the potential for damage make sure your mailbox is secured tightly on a sturdy post. Residents are reminded that damage occurring from plowed snow is the property owner's responsibility. The Township crew makes every effort to avoid causing damage to mailboxes. The United States Postal Authority requests all mailboxes be cleared so that mail carriers can make a full approach and exit to your mailbox. Due to the safety factor, mail carriers are not permitted to back up exit their vehicles at the mail box. If the mail box is not properly cleared, mail can not be delivered safely.
7. **PLEASE REMOVE TRASH CANS AND RECYCLE CONTAINERS FROM THE ROADWAY.**

Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Township Office at 610-827-7660

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