

## MESSAGE FROM THE STREET DEPARTMENT



Every winter storm our crews work around the clock to clear the snow and ice. The Borough first plows major streets for emergency vehicle passage as the highest priority. After that, clearing side streets is the next priority. Once all the streets are passable, crews then work on cleaning snow from intersections and parking spaces.

We know that residents hate the "windrows" (those long piles of snow on each side of the road) that plows leave behind, and that often bury freshly shoveled sidewalks and driveway aprons. Unfortunately, the reality is that these "windrows" are an unavoidable part of plowing. You can reduce the amount of snow that ends up in a "windrow" in front of your driveway or walk by doing certain things:

- **DO NOT** push snow from your walk, drive, or parking area out into the street as it will only be pushed back in when the plow passes
- When you clear snow, **also clear the snow from the road shoulder** about 15 feet "upstream" of plow traffic direction (the direction the plow comes from). This way, when the plow passes by, less snow will be pushed back into your driveway.
- **Clear all of your sidewalks**, the full width of the sidewalk, down to the bare pavement.
- After the sidewalk is cleared, **sprinkling a little sand** can help keep the sidewalk from becoming slippery as night falls and temperatures drop.
- **Pile the snow** you clear in your yard.
- **If you have a corner property**, clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks to the street gutter to create a safe passageway.
- **Don't wait to clear the snow**—the longer you wait the harder it becomes to move it because it melts and refreezes in an ice cover.
- If you will be away on vacation or health issues prevent you from clearing your sidewalk, **make arrangements for help** before the snowfall season.
- **Business owners should clear the sidewalk** and attempt to provide a walkway from the street to allow customers using street parking to get safely to the sidewalk without climbing over snow banks.
- **PLEASE, be patient and courteous to crews!!!!**

### WHEN THE SNOW MELTS ...

Storm water on parking lots and streets flows into storm drains so that the pavement won't be flooded. Storm drains connect to underground pipes that convey the storm water directly to a nearby water body. In order to prevent storm water pollution please properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint – never pour them in any storm drain of any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.



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