

Readington Township

Snow and Ice Operation Plan

Readington Township strives to provide effective and efficient snow and ice removal to allow motorists to travel safely within the Township during winter weather events. Each event is unique, and the snow and ice control operation changes depending on several factors including but not limited to the amount, type and intensity of precipitation forecasted. Motorists should always use caution and drive appropriately for the road conditions.

The township requests residents minimize travel during a winter weather event and only venture out when absolutely necessary. This will assist both DPW and Public Safety with operations. Also, please keep in mind that while we would like to insure that the roads are cleared quickly, we must also look out for the safety of our employees.

Snow and Ice Control

In response to most winter weather events, the streets and roads may be treated with salt. If conditions and accumulations warrant, the Township switches to plowing operations.

Primary Streets and Roadways

During a winter weather event, particularly during the height of the storm, the Public Works Department makes every effort to maintain passage of primary streets and roads that link Readington Township communities to the County and State Highway system. Once the storm subsides these roads are cleared of snow and ice as soon as possible, and operations continue after the end of the storm. Primary roads are defined as commuter routes and collector streets under the Township jurisdiction.

Secondary Streets and Roadways

Secondary roads will not be treated until primary roads have been cleared. Residential Streets, cul-de-sacs and courts that are not high volume streets are considered secondary streets and roadways.

Parking-Off Street

If off-street parking is available to property owners, the Public Works Department asks that vehicles be parked in such locations. This will allow crews to move more efficiently and effectively to clear the streets and roads without concern for vehicles that may be in the rights of way and can be a significant hazard to drivers.

Readington Township Snow Removal Codes:

194-1 Interference by parked vehicle prohibited

194-2 Parking during snowstorm prohibited

Snow Plowed on Sidewalks and Driveways

Snow on Township streets and roads will be plowed to the curb or shoulder, for areas without curbs. Previously cleared sidewalks and driveways may be re-covered with snow. The Public Works Department asks for property owner's cooperation in removing snow should this occur. Cleared sidewalks provide a safe walkway for pedestrians, including school children.

Mailboxes and Fire Hydrants

Curbside mailboxes may become blocked by plowed snow. The US Post Office has a policy regarding access to mailboxes. The US Postal Service does not require all snow to be removed but that enough snow is removed to allow the mail delivery vehicle to drive up to the mailbox for delivery. This is the responsibility of the postal customer. Removing snow around fire hydrants greatly assists the fire department in case of fire in your neighborhood.

Individual Assistance

The Township cannot address individual requests to be plowed out due to occupational preference as this is inefficient and ineffective. Arrangements should be made in advance with your employer.

GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

Many people require assistance following a snowstorm. The elderly and disabled often need help in removing snow from their sidewalks and driveways. Many organizations are looking for volunteers to assist those in need during and after snow events. Please look out for each other.

Additional Assistance

www.readingtontwp.org

www.readingtonpolice.com

www.nixle.com

