



# **NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP SNOW AND ICE CONTROL PLAN**

**GENERAL INFORMATION AND  
GUIDELINES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT AND THE GENERAL  
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**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP  
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***NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP***  
***DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS***

**SNOW AND ICE CONTROL POLICY**  
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*It is the goal and intent of New Britain Township to provide timely, efficient and cost-effective winter maintenance on Township-owned roadways and facilities.*

**GENERAL**

The intent of this Snow and Ice Control Guideline is to provide an understanding of the way winter storms are handled in relation to snow and ice accumulations on the roadways and facilities.

**It is the primary directive during a snow and/or ice event to ensure the public safety of those travelling on roadways throughout New Britain Township.**

The Public Works Department strives to keep all roadways safe for the residents and the general traveling public who use the Township Roadway System. Under certain conditions this can be difficult, and in some instances not possible until poor conditions subside. At all times, the safety of the employees and equipment will be top priority.

The Department will strive to maintain roadway traction for vehicles **properly equipped for winter driving conditions**. This does not mean that clear blacktop or dry roadways should be expected after every snowfall and this does not mean that roadways will be fully free of snow or ice. It means that adequate roadway traction can be achieved **under safe driving practices**.

The goal of the Department is to return the roadways to normal winter conditions as soon as possible within the limitations of this policy and Township resources. Most times our goal can be achieved by the proper use of storm forecasts, personnel, equipment, and materials. Due to unusual circumstances, however, flexibility is needed for adapting to unusual or unforeseen circumstances, such as several storms in a row and on-hand salt supplies, equipment break downs, rerouting of equipment.

The Township consists of three different roadway systems. There are roadways owned and maintained by the Township; there are roadways owned and maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PADOT); and there are roadways that are maintained by private homeowners' associations or those that have yet to be dedicated to the Township. A list of roadways is contained in another section of this manual.

During a winter storm event, calls for service originate through the Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services or from the New Britain Township Police Department and are given top priority twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Orders to the Public Works Department are routed through the Police Department or through the Bucks County Radio Room. The Public Works Department will not respond to unverified "emergency" requests from the general public.

During an extended or severe winter storm, the New Britain Township Emergency Management Agency may declare a "State of Emergency". The New Britain Emergency Management Center (EMC) at the New Britain Municipal Building will be activated to coordinate responses to emergency situations.

Due to the high priority assigned to snow and ice removal, all Public Works personnel will be devoted to snow and/or ice events. This means that all normal work will be resumed after the winter storm event has been brought under control.

The purpose of this policy is to inform residents and the traveling public of how the Public Works Department operation works and is also used as a training guideline and manual for our employees.

## ROADWAY SYSTEMS

### Township Roads

The Township Roadway System consists of 59.46 miles, or 118.92 lane miles and is maintained by Township Public Works forces. These roads are:

STREET	FROM	TO
Airy Avenue	Lexington Avenue	Schoolhouse Road
Andre Drive	Manor Drive	Shopping Center
Ashley Drive	Woodmount Road	Kathryn Road
Ashmont Way	Peggy Lane	Cul de Sac
Aspen Court	E. Fairwood	Cul de Sac
Barberry Court	E. Fairwood	Cul de Sac
Barclay Road	New Galena Road	Township Line Road
Barner Road	King Road	New Galena Road
Bates Drive	S. Taft Avenue	Cornwall Drive
Beechwood Drive	Skyline Drive	Hickory Lane
Bellview Way	Blackburn Drive	Cul de Sac
Blackburn Drive	Upper State Road	Cul de Sac
Blossom Hill Lane	Blackburn Drive	Cul de Sac
Bluejay Road	Chalfont Borough Border	Cul de Sac
Boulder Drive	School House Road	School House Road (Horseshoe)
Brion Lane	Hampshire Drive	End
Britain Woods Circle	County Line Road	Circle
Brittany Drive	Route 202-Butler Avenue	Butler Elementary School
Brook Lane	Sellersville Road	Crescent Drive
Brookdale Drive	Old Iron Hill Road	merges with Sunnybrook Drive
Brookside Court	Cedar Hill Road	Cul de Sac
Butler Drive	Route 202-Butler Avenue	Cul de Sac
Buxmont Way	Peggy Lane	Cul de Sac
Cambridge Place	Cambridge Place	Cambridge Place
Cassandra Drive	Chalfont Borough Border	Circle
Cayuga Circle	Pheasant Run Drive	Cul de Sac
Cedar Hill Road	Route 202-Butler Avenue	School House Road
Chapman Road	King Road	New Galena Road
Chapman Road	Ferry Road	Bucks County Park Property Line
Cheese Factory Road	Creek Road	Layle Lane

Circle Drive	School House Road	Circle
Clearview Road	Upper State Road	merges with Woodside Avenue
Clover Lane	Walden Way	Cul de Sac
Cornwall Circle	Cornwall Drive	Cul de Sac
Cornwall Drive	Hampshire Drive	Dead End
Creek Road	Route 152- Limekiln Pike	End
Crescent Drive	Walter Road	Circle
Curley Mill Road	Route 152- Limekiln Pike	Sellersville Road
Deerpath Road	Skyline Drive	Chalfont Borough Border
Devon Road	Brittany Drive	Hampshire Drive
Diana Drive	W. Fairwood Drive	W. Fairwood Drive
Dolly Circle	Dolly Lane	Cul de Sac
Dolly Lane	Brittany Drive	Cornwall Drive
Dorset Way	Cornwall Drive	End
Dornishwood Place	Nottingham Place	Cambridge Place
Dover Way	New Galena Road	Village Way
E. Cornwall Drive	Route 152	Cul-de-sac
E. Fairwoods Drive	Park Avenue	Circle
E. Peace Valley Rd.	Callowhill Road	End
E. Schoolhouse Road	Route 202-Butler Avenue	Upper State Road
Eckert's Place	Forest Park Drive	Cul de Sac
Elaines Lane	Route 152- Limekiln Pike	Route 152- Limekiln Pike
Farber Drive	New Galena Road	New Galena Road (Horseshoe)
Farview Road	Naomi Lane	Circle
Forrest Park Drive	Chalfont Borough Border	Cul de Sac
Gertrude Drive	New Galena Road	Peggy Lane
Glen Drive	Sellersville Road	New Galena Road
Goldeneye Court	Teal Drive	Circle
Green Valley Way	Bristol Road	Bristol Road (Horseshoe)
Greenwood Avenue	Maple Avenue	Hilltown Pike
Grove Circle	Nightingale Circle	Cul de Sac
Hampshire Drive	Cornwall Drive	Wiltshire Drive
Hamlet Drive	Trewigtown Rd	Dover Drive
Hardwood Court	Holly Drive	Cul de Sac
Harrison Forge Ct.	E. Fairwood Drive	Cul de Sac
Harvest Hill Road	Creek Road	Cul de Sac
Helens Lane	Walter Road	Cul de Sac
Hickory Lane	Skyline Drive	Chalfont Borough Border
Highlands Drive	E. School House Road	Route 202

Highpoint Drive	E. School House Road	Upper State Road
Holly Drive	Cedar Hill Road	Cedar Hill Road (Circle)
Homestead Court	Stoney Hill Drive	Cul de Sac
Horizon Circle	Horizon Drive	Cul de Sac
Horizon Drive	Highpoint Drive	County Line Road
Hunter Way	School House Road	School House Road (Horseshoe)
Independence Lane	New Britain Boulevard	Cul de Sac
Indian Creek Way	Park Avenue	Forest Park Drive
Janton Way	Bristol Road	Cul de Sac
Julie Road	W. Fairwood Drive	Cul de Sac
Kathryn Road	Route 152- Limekiln Pike	Mallard Drive
Keller Road	Upper Stump Road	King Road
King Road	Upper Church Road	Rote 313- Swamp Road
Layle Lane	Cheese Factory Road	Ferry Road
Lenape Drive	Pheasant Run Drive	Cul de Sac
Lexington Avenue	County Line Road	Meadow Road
Liberty Lane	New Britain Boulevard	Cul de Sac
Limekiln Road	Ferry Road	End
Mallard Drive	Woodmount Road	Teresa Lane
Manor Drive	Route 202-Butler Avenue	Shopping Center
Maple Avenue	County Line Road	Maple Avenue
Marshall Circle	Glen Drive	Cul de Sac
Mary Circle	Teresa Lane	Cul de Sac
Meadow Road	Lexington Avenue	Airy Avenue
Michaels Court	Green Valley Way	Cul de Sac
Midtown Road	Lexington Avenue	Airy Avenue
Mohawk Road	Chalfont Borough Border	End
Mohegan Street	Pheasant Run Drive	Cul de Sac
Monarch Court	Boulder Drive	Cul de Sac
Morningside Circle	Blackburn Drive	Circle
Moyer Road	Bristol Road	Chalfont Borough Border
Myers Road	New Galena Road	Callowhill Road
Naomi Lane	Route 152- Limekiln Pike	End
New Britain Blvd.	County Line Road	Trewigtown Road
New Jersey Avenue	Hampshire Drive	Chalfont Borough Border
New Galena Road	Park Entrance	Route 313
Newville Road	Route 152- Limekiln Pike	Curly Mill Road
Nicholus Court	Green Valley Way	Cul de Sac
Nightingale Circle	Upper State Road	merges with Blackburn Drive

North Lane	S. Taft Avenue	S. Taft Avenue (Horseshoe)
Nottingham Place	E. Schoolhouse Road	Cambridge Place
Oakmont Way	Farber Drive	Cul de Sac
Old Limekiln Road	Upper Stump Road	New Galena Road
Old Limekiln Road	Ferry Road	Creek Road
Oneida Drive	Pheasant Run Drive	Cul de Sac
Overlook Drive	Cedar Hill Road	Stoney Hill Drive
Park Road	Callowhill Road	New Galena Road through Park
Patricia Circle	Myers Road	Cul de Sac
Patricia Lane	Patricia Lane	Cul de Sac
Peggy Lane	New Galena Road	Cul de Sac
Pheasant Run Drive	Cherokee Road	Cherokee Road (Horseshoe)
Poplar Road	W. Fairwood Drive	Cul de Sac
Pueblo Road	Pheasant Run Drive	Cul de Sac
Railroad Avenue	Barry Road	School House Road
Richard Drive	Cross over Gertrude Rd.	and Peggy Lane
Ridge Court	Overlook Drive	Cul de Sac
Ruth Lane	Upper State Road	Cul de Sac
S. Taft Avenue	Cornwall Drive	Chalfont Borough Border
School House Road	Route 202-Butler Avenue	Trewigtown Road
Sellersville Road	Hillcrest Avenue	Hilltown Pike
Seneca Drive	Pheasant Run Drive	Cul de Sac
Shady Hill Drive	Cassandra Drive	Cul de Sac
Sheffield Court	W. Fairwood Drive	Cul de Sac
Shire Lane	Hampshire Drive	Highlands Drive
Skunk Hollow Road	Route 152- Limekiln Pike	Hilltown Township Border
Skyline Drive	Route 202-Butler Avenue	Chalfont Borough Border
Stockton Court	W. Fairwood Drive	Cul de Sac
Stone Creek Lane	Upper Stump Road	Cul de Sac
Stoney Hill Drive	Overlook Drive	Overlook Drive (Horseshoe)
Stream Court	Stoney Hill Drive	Cul de Sac
Sugarbush Court	Holly Drive	Cul de Sac
Surrey Road	Cornwall Drive	Route 202-Butler Avenue
Sycamore Circle	Park Avenue	Cul de Sac
Tamenend Avenue	Chalfont Borough Border	End
Teal Drive	Upper State Road	End
Teresa Lane	Kathryn Road	End
Thornburry Court	Cassandra Drive	Cul de Sac
Tower Hill Road	Route 152- Limekiln Pike	Farber Drive

Townshipline Road	Hilltown Pike	Moyer Farm property line
Trewigtown Road	County Line Road	New Galena Road
Upper Church Road	New Galena Road	Upper Stump Road
Upper State Road	Route 152	County Line Road
Upper Stump Road	Keller Road	Route 313
Village Way	Trewigtown Rd	Cul-de-sac
Upper Stump Road	Route 152	Garges Farm driveway
Upper Stump Road	Cassel's Greenhouse	Callowhill Road
W. Fairwoods Drive	Park Avenue	Park Avenue (Horseshoe)
W. Peace Valley Rd	Chalfont Borough Plows	
Walden Way	Sellersville Road	Cul de Sac
Walnut Street	School House Road	County Line Road
Walter Road	Sunset Avenue	Township Line Road
Whitetail Court	Holly Drive	Cul de Sac
Williamson Court	W. Fairwood Drive	Cul de Sac
Willowood Drive	Upper State Road	Upper State Road (Horseshoe)
Wiltshire Drive	Cornwall Drive	End
Winsor Court	Boulder Drive	Cul de Sac
Woodmount Road	Tower Hill Road	End
Woodside Avenue	Valley Drive	Upper State Road

### Border Roads

A number of border roadways share maintenance responsibilities with other municipalities. Each municipality involved plows a portion of the road only. The roads and their sections maintained by New Britain Township Public Works Department are:

STREET	FROM	TO
Township Line Road	Hilltown Pike	Moyer Farm Property
Upper Stump Road	Route 152	312 Upper Stump Road
Upper Stump Road	703 Upper Stump Road	Callowhill Road
Upper Stump Road	1722 Upper Stump Road	Route 313
Skunk Hollow Road	Route 152	734 Skunk Hollow Road
Upper State Road	County Line Road	Route 152



**State Highways**

The State Roadways in New Britain Township consist of 21.53 miles and are maintained by PADOT. These roads are:

STREET	FROM	TO
Barry Road	New Galena Road	Railroad Avenue
Bristol Road	Route 202-Butler Avenue	Upper State Road
Callowhill Road	Upper Stump Road	Park Avenue
County Line Road	Route 309	Upper State Road
Ferry Road	Park Avenue	Swamp Road
Hilltown Pike	Route 309	Callowhill Road
New Galena Road	Hilltown Pike	Park Entrance
Park Avenue	Route 152	Ferry Road
Route 202 - Butler Avenue	County Line Road	Chalfont Village Shopping Ctr.
Route 313 - Swamp Road	Upper Stump Road	Ferry Road
Route 152 - Limekiln Pike	Upper State Road	Hilltown Pike
Sunset/Railroad Avenue	Walter Road	Barry Road

**Private Roads**

There are many Private Roadways in New Britain Township that are maintained by private homeowners' associations or have not yet been dedicated to the Township. Undedicated roads are the responsibility of the developer. These roads are:

STREET	FROM	TO
Anthem Way	Manor Drive	Manor Drive
Apple Cross Circle	Manor Drive	End
Bonnie Lark Lane	Inverness Circle	End
Cart Lane Circle	Citadel Circle	End
Chatham Court	Boulder Drive	Boulder Dr. ( Horseshoe)
Citadel Circle	E. School House Road	End
Edinboro Circle	Highlands Road	End
Fair Isle Circle	Highlands Road	Circle
Galway Circle	E. School House Road	End
Glenbrook Court	Glenbrook Way	Cul de Sac
Glenbrook Way	E. School House Road	E. School House Road

Grey Friars	Highlands Drive	Highlands Drive
Hampton Court	Rocky Court	Cul de Sac
Heath Court	Glenbrook Way	Cul de Sac
Iverness Circle	Highlands Drive	End
Kelso Court	Tartan Terence	Cul de Sac
Krista Court	E. School House Road	End
Larkspur Court	Glenbrook Way	Cul de Sac
Little Farm Lane	E. School House Road	Circle
Long Alsh Drive	Highlands Drive	Highlands Drive
Nottingham Place	Cambridge Place	Cambridge Place
Oxford Lane	Trewigtown Road	Dover Drive
Palace Court	Highlands Drive	End
Pebble Court	Boulder Drive	Cul de Sac
Pipers Place	Highlands Drive	End
Prince William Way	E. School House Road	Highlands Drive
Queens Circle	Apple Cross Circle	End
Remington Court	Manor Drive	Circle
Solway Circle	Pipers Place	End
Suffield Court	Wyndale Way	Cul de Sac
Tartan Terrace	E. School House Road	Cul de Sac
Wyndale Drive	Highlands Drive	End

## **CALL OUT PROCEDURE**

All Public Works Employees are on call twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, 365 days a year.

During a weekday between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., the Public Works Superintendent or the Police Department will make the decision on when the snow and ice removal operation is started.

After hours, on holidays or weekends, the Police Department will contact the Public Works Superintendent via the Bucks County Radio Room. All Public Works employees must respond within ½ hour of the time they are called to report to work.

Employees will be dispatched into there pre-determined Zones. It takes Township forces two to three hours to adequately salt all Township roadways. Plowing can take anywhere from six to ten hours depending on the severity of the storm. During a large storm, main roads will be plowed several times. When the storm subsides, all roads will then be plowed curb to curb. Roads will be re-salted as needed. Public Works employees will continue salting and/or plowing until all roads are safe for travel. The following day, intersections and cul-de-sac clean-up will continue.

If the storm is a slow-moving storm, operations may be reduced during the night. Between midnight and 4:30 a.m., half of the crew will rest. Someone will always be available for emergencies and will help in whatever way they can. If at all possible, roads and driveways will be plowed open for emergency response personnel to get help to wherever it is needed and, if possible, in advance of emergency response personnel.

## **OVERTIME**

Public Works Drivers and Equipment Operators are paid overtime rate after eight (8) hours of regular time, on weekends and on all legal Holidays as set forth by the Board of Supervisors.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The Public Works Department uses the following equipment during snow and ice removal operations:

- Five (5) 10-ton 6-wheeled dump trucks with under tailgate salt spreaders; Five (5) have 11 foot plows
- One (1) 16-ton 10-wheeled dump truck with under tailgate salt spreader and an eleven (11) foot plow.
- One (1) 1-ton 6-wheeled dump truck with under tailgate salt spreader and a 9 foot plow.
- Four (4) 1-ton pick-up trucks with 9 foot plows.
- One (1) 4 x 4 loader with a 12 foot plow.
- One (1) Tandem axle road grader with both 12 foot plow and V plow.
- Two (2) 4 x 4 backhoes.

## **ROUTES AND PRIORITIES**

The Township is divided into five (5) Maintenance Zones. During salting, each truck is sent into its predetermined zone. Once the operator has finished in his zone, he will proceed to another zone to expedite the completion process until all zones have been fully salted. The Township uses a mixture of 80% salt and 20% anti-skid stone for traction, although this mixture can be adapted to conditions.

During the plowing process, main roads will be plowed first, followed by secondary roads, followed by all development roads. The plowing process will begin when two (2) inches or more of snow has accumulated on the roadways.

During snow removal operations, accumulated snow may be pushed or carried by the plow and inevitably be deposited to the truck's right side shoulder or ditch along its route. Driveways along the route may

inadvertently get blocked in by the deposited snow. The Public Works Department assumes no responsibility for the removal of snow deposited in driveways as a result of normal snow removal operations.

### **HIRED EQUIPMENT**

New Britain Township hires additional contractors with pick-up trucks to help with snow removal in the development areas, as plowing the 65 + culs-de-sac is very time consuming. Pick-up trucks can do the job more efficiently than large dump trucks. Each cul-de-sac takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes to clear. If snow accumulation is of an excessive amount, culs-de-sac will be cleaned up with backhoes after all other roadways are finished.

### **MAILBOXES, BASKETBALL HOOPS AND LAWN DAMAGE**

Every effort is made by the plow operator to get as close to the mailbox as possible to provide access by the U.S. Postal Service delivery vehicles. However, it is the responsibility of the resident/homeowner to provide final cleaning and access adjacent to their mailbox.

If lawn damage from plowing occurs in un-curbed areas of the Township, the Public Works Department will repair the damage only within the Township's rights-of-way. In most cases, this is 16.5 feet from the centerline of the road. Lawn repairs will be conducted in the appropriate season.

It is the policy of the Public Works Department to repair or replace only mailboxes that have been damaged due to **direct contact** with the snow plow. Most mailboxes are damaged not by direct contact with the plow, but from the sheer weight of the snow coming off the end of the plow, dislodging the mailbox from the post or bending or braking off the post. Prior to each snow season, each operator will drive his route to check for mailboxes that seem to be in disrepair or a hazard for future reference and consideration should a complaint be lodged.

If it has been determined by the Public Works Department or the Administration that the mailbox was damaged by direct contact with a plow, the Department will make any necessary minor repairs. If the damage is

more severe, the Department may provide a temporary mailbox until such time as ground conditions allow permanent repairs or replacement with a generic mailbox type that consists of a standard-sized metal mailbox mounted on a 4 x 4 post. If a decorator type mailbox and post is damaged, the Township will reimburse the resident up to but not to exceed \$100.00. A receipt will be required for reimbursement. In the case of custom mailboxes, it will be up to the homeowner to do the installation work.

The Public Works Department is not responsible for trash or recycling containers which the homeowner has directly placed in the roadway. This practice is against the law and creates a hazard for motorists using the roadway at any time of year. It is the homeowner's responsibility to shovel an area out of the roadway for placement of these containers. It is impossible for the plow operator to get out and move objects in the roadway and the operator will not be permitted to do so.

Portable or permanent basketball poles and hoops are not permitted to be placed within the Township rights-of-way, which means between the curb and sidewalk or along the street. It is never safe to allow children to play in streets, as passenger vehicles, delivery vehicles or snow removal equipment may strike them.

### **DEPOSITING SNOW OR ICE IN ROADWAYS**

It is illegal to plow, shovel, push, blow or otherwise remove or leave snow and/or ice from private property, driveways, lanes, sidewalks, curbing or driveways aprons and deposit that snow and/or ice onto or into public roadways per the Code of New Britain Township Section #21-102.4, adopted as Ordinance #02-09-01 on 09/09/2002. Any person violating any provisions of these sections shall, upon conviction thereof before any Magisterial District Judge, be guilty of a summary offense.

### **PARKING**

It shall be unlawful to park or allow to be parked any motor vehicle on any street within the Township following the deposit or accumulation of ice or snow of one (1) inch or greater in depth, until the snow has been cleared and all salting and cindering operations have ceased. After the first hour of a winter storm, it shall be the duty of the owner/or operator of any motor

vehicle which has been parked on any street within the Township to remove said vehicle from the street the Code of New Britain Township Section #21-102.3, adopted as Ordinance #02-09-01 on 09/09/2002. Any person violating any provisions of these sections shall, upon conviction thereof before any Magisterial District Judge, be guilty of a summary offense.

### **SERVICE REQUESTS, INQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS**

All service requests, inquiries or complaints about snow and ice control service/operations should be directed to the Superintendent of Public Works Office, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, Pa. 18914, by phone 215-822-3698 or email [nbt@nbtpa.us](mailto:nbt@nbtpa.us) Please leave a message if someone is not available to answer the phone. All calls will be returned if a call-back number is left.

During any given severe snow or ice event, the Public Works Department is extremely busy and committed to clearing our roads of snow and ice to the best of their ability and as quickly as possible for the traveling public. Be aware that our crews are out during the storm and are aware of road conditions and they are doing everything necessary to improve road conditions.

### **EXCEPTIONS**

Each snow or ice event has individual characteristics such as time of day, accumulation, temperature; wind velocity and directionality associated with it and therefore must be dealt with accordingly. The Superintendent of Public Works reserves the right to alter operational strategies, deviate from these standards or terminate ongoing snow and ice control operations at any time if it is determined that several factors including, but not limited to, the need to rest snowplow crews, equipment failure, extreme snowfall accumulation and conditions which make snow and ice control operations unsafe, unnecessary or ineffective.

## HOW THE PUBLIC CAN HELP

There are several things that motorists and the general public can do to help the Public Works Department best perform their snow and ice control duties.

- Be patient and be assured that during a snow or ice event, the Public Works Department will make every reasonable effort to keep our roads open and safe.
- Be considerate of the snowplow operators, as they are doing their job to improve a situation that they did not create. Snow plow operators do not deliberately plow your driveway closed; the snow has to exit the plow somewhere.
- As a resident, please wait until the snow has subsided and your street has been plowed before you shovel your sidewalks or driveway.
- Shoveling to the left side of your driveway 10-15 feet along the curb may eliminate some of the accumulated snow from entering your driveway when plowed.
- If when driving you approach a snow plow, keep back at least 200 feet to allow for salting, and sudden stops.
- Do not attempt to stop a snow plow or obstruct its path. When loaded, these trucks can exceed 30 tons in weight. The driver has a lot of responsibility to deal with: increased weight of the vehicle, poor visibility, poor road conditions, etc.
- Do not park your vehicle on the street. Not only is this a violation of Township ordinances, but the Public Works Department will have to plow around the vehicle. Once the vehicle is moved, it leaves a large portion of the road unplowed; leaving an unsafe condition that can cause accidents.
- During times of severe snow storms, please tune to your local weather source, radio, television or the internet for traveling conditions or road closures.



- Do not verbally accost or use hand signals to our snow plow operators as they are just trying to do their job. After working in some cases days before they get to go home, they have to shovel their own driveways in which snow plows have plowed closed!

## WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- Do not drive unless you have to.
- If you have to drive, drive defensively, wear your seat belt, and turn your headlights on so others can see you. Be alert, and use extreme caution. Driving on ice- and snow-packed roads requires your full attention and demands your best driving skills.
- Allow plenty of extra time to get to your destination, allow extra stopping time and distance.
- Do not attempt to pass a snow plow unless the operator motions you to pass. This will indicate that the operator knows you are there and will allow you to avoid getting your vehicle pelted with salt and abrasives.
- If you come upon an accident, check for injuries and report it to 911. Turn on your 4-way flashers to warn approaching motorists.
- Have your vehicle winter ready: pack a blanket, flashlight, jumper cables, small shovel, and extra warm clothing in case you become stuck or your vehicle becomes inoperable.
- Do not abandon your vehicle without notifying the local Police Department. Leave your 4-way flashers on so approaching vehicles can see your vehicle.

## STATES OF EMERGENCY

### Governor called State of Emergency:

If the Governor issues a State of Emergency, this means that **only Emergency vehicles are allowed on the roadways**. All other vehicles must

remain parked until the emergency is over. This usually only occurs during very heavy snow fall amounts or during high winds when the roadways are not safe for the motoring public to be driving.

**Township Emergency Manager called Emergency:**

If the Township Emergency Manager calls a State of Emergency, this means that all vehicles are to be removed off of the streets and snow routes so that snow and ice removal can commence.

**Blizzard conditions:**

During a blizzard event, do not drive unless you must. If you do, watch for roads that have been drifted closed. Do not attempt to drive thru the drifts. Be careful when driving during white-outs, as visibility is often at zero.

**WEATHER SOURCES**

The Public Works Department uses several weather sources: [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) or [www.newbritaintownship.org](http://www.newbritaintownship.org), click on weather at the bottom of page; Radio KYW 1060; contact a meteorologist at National Weather Service in Mount Holly N.J. 24 hour a day.