



## BOROUGH OF NEW HOPE

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### PUBLIC WORKS SNOW AND ICE CONTROL PLAN

#### 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 its snow and ice control duties.

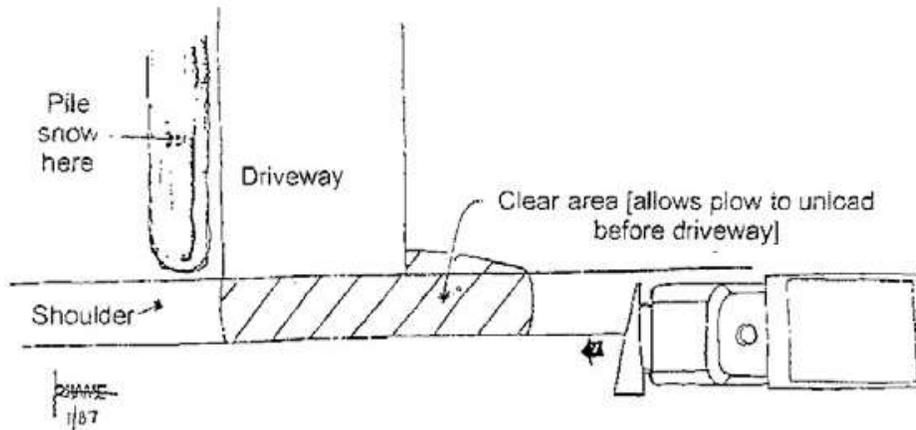
- Sign up for ReadyBucks Emergency Notification **ReadyBucks Emergency Alert System**



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- Be patient and be assured that during a snow or ice event, the Public Works Department will make every reasonable effort to keep Borough owned 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. Snowplow operators do not deliberately plow your driveway closed; the snow has to exit the plow somewhere.
- Pile most of the snow from the driveway throat on the traffic downstream side. This will minimize visibility problems. (See illustration ***Driveway Plowing Policy***)
- As a resident, please wait until the snowfall has subsided and your street has been plowed before you shovel your sidewalks or driveway.
- If when driving you approach a snowplow, keep back at least **200 feet** to allow for salting and sudden stops.
- Do not attempt to stop a snowplow 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 during a declared snow emergency. Not only is this a violation of Borough 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, creating an unsafe condition that can cause accidents.
- During times of severe snowstorms, please stay informed by consulting local radio and television stations or the Internet for travel conditions and road closures.
- Do not verbally accost or use hand signals to communicate with snowplow operators as they are just trying to do their job. After work they get to go home to shovel their own driveways, which may have been plowed closed!
- Do not allow children to build and occupy a snow fort or similar creations within 10 feet of the edge of pavement.

## DRIVEWAY PLOWING POLICIES



- Snow should be plowed or shoveled to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the intersecting roadway (see diagram). By being plowed away from the direction of oncoming snowplows, this action will prevent the bulk of the snow from being pushed back onto the driveway.
- Eliminate snow piles at the driveway entrance whenever possible. High accumulations of snow will obstruct the vision of motorists when exiting from the driveway and hinder the ability of oncoming motorists to see you pulling out of the driveway, creating another potential for accidents.
- Do not push snow out onto roads at any time. This creates hazardous driving conditions for all vehicles.

## 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 snowplow 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 clothes 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.