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Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal

During this time of year, it is important for everyone to ensure the safety of pedestrians in our community, whether they are walkers, US Postal carriers or children walking to school. Hartland Township Public Works Department would like to remind all business and property owners to keep sidewalks and fire hydrants on or adjacent to their property free of snow and ice.

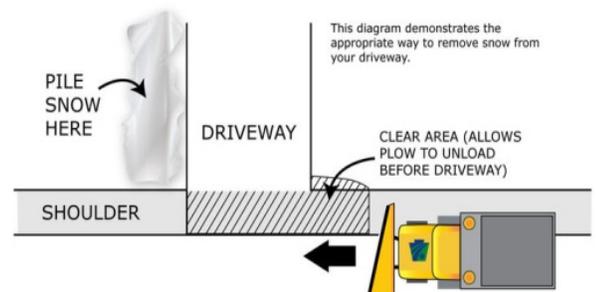
The Township's Sidewalk Ordinance requires property owners to maintain clear pedestrian walkways and sidewalks by removing accumulated snow and ice from sidewalk areas with 24 hours of a snow event. Following are excerpts from the ordinance and policy:

Property Owner Responsibility: *It shall be the duty of Owners within the Township to keep all Sidewalks which have been heretofore or hereafter laid in front of, upon, or adjacent to such premises, in or along any of the street right-of-way, in good repair and free from dangerous ice, snow, or other dangerous obstructions and conditions. Owners are required to maintain, repair and keep safe all Sidewalks adjacent to or upon their property.*

Snow/Ice. *Whenever any snow shall fall or drift on or across a Sidewalk or ice forms on said Sidewalk, the Owner of the premises adjacent to or abutting upon the Sidewalk shall remove the snow and/or ice within 24 hours of initial snowfall. Snow accumulations of more than three (3) inches shall be removed.*

Driveway Shoveling Tips:

- ✓ Snow should be shoveled to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the intersecting roadway. By being plowed away from the direction of oncoming snowplows, this action will prevent the bulk of the snow from being pushed back into the driveway.
- ✓ Eliminate driveway entrance snow piles whenever possible. High snow piles reduce sight distance when exiting driveways and causes the same effect for approaching traffic.
- ✓ It is illegal to deposit snow from a parcel into roadways. Do not push snow out onto roads at any time, as it creates hazardous driving conditions for all vehicles.
- ✓ It is also each property owner's responsibility to clear around their mailbox, otherwise the U.S. Postal Service may not deliver the mail.
- ✓ Snow banks and snow plows are kid magnets. Please make sure your children do not play on a street's snow banks, and that they stay a safe distance away from plows working on your street.
- ✓ Residents who have fire hydrants in front of their homes, in their apartment complexes, or in the parking lot of their buildings, can assist by clearing snow from the areas surrounding them. Frequent snowfalls make it challenging to clear all Township hydrants.



Those who rely on a cleared sidewalk to head out for a walk, to deliver mail, or to walk to school, the library, or other destinations appreciate your courtesy this winter. Motorists who don't want to find pedestrians in the street appreciate it, too.