

# WHEN IT SNOWS

## In Lower Merion Township

The Public Works Department is responsible for the Township's snow and ice control operations. Both staff and its equipment are engaged in operation well before snow starts falling until well after accumulation stops. Snow and ice operations can easily be spread out over an 18-36 hr period, depending on conditions, and each storm is different.

The Township's snow routes include 204 miles of Township roads, 25.7 miles of State roads and 8 miles of private roads.



### THE TOWNSHIP ROAD SYSTEM IS DIVIDED INTO 3 PRIORITIES

**Priority I:** Main arterial streets throughout the Township

**Priority II:** Roads that connect the main arterial streets

**Priority III:** Neighborhood streets

### SNOWFALL OPERATIONS

- **Salting** operations begin on Priority I roads (Main arterial streets) and continue until all roads (Priority II & III) are completed or no longer effective due to depth of snow.
- **Plowing** begins at 2" of accumulation on Priority I roads. The Township's first responsibility is to keep the main roads open and passable. Priority II & III roads will be plowed secondarily.
- Township owned sidewalks and lots are scheduled for clearing typically between the hours of 8 PM—6 AM. Residents and business owners are to shovel private sidewalks within 24 hrs. after snow stops falling.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW:

- Park in your driveway or garage;
- NO parking in cul-de-sacs;
- NO parking on Snow Emergency Routes (red & white signage);
- If off-street parking is not available, park on the odd side of street during odd years, ; park on the even side of street during even years;
- DO NOT shovel or plow snow into street;
- Clear your sidewalks—36" width, within 24 hours of snow accumulation as required by Ordinance.

### RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS

Keep in mind that it is almost impossible to keep snow from being deposited at your driveway during plowing—the plow cannot be lifted or stopped at each driveway as it passes. If you have your driveway plowed before the street is completed, clear an area to the right of the driveway entrance (facing the house). In many cases, when your street is plowed, the snow from the plow can be unloaded in this area instead of at your driveway.

### Please be patient.....

Snow plowing is a difficult and time-consuming job. Since Township crews need many hours of intensive labor to complete snow clearing operations, travel during or immediately after a snowfall should be delayed unless truly necessary. The less traffic there is on the roads, the sooner the snow removal process can be accomplished.

All snow operations are conducted from the Township's Highway Division, (610) 726-7127 When you call about a road condition, the information is immediately dispatched to a truck in your district. There is no need to call a second time. (Repeat calls are not necessary)

### ***In an Emergency, call 9-1-1***

*Salting and Plowing Information: Call 610- 726-7127 OR visit [www.lowermerion.org](http://www.lowermerion.org) to sign up for emergency updates via e-Subscription and through Blackboard Connect (home phone, mobile, email, and/or texts). Tune in to LMTV and follow us on Twitter and Facebook for the latest on road closures, power outages, and more.*