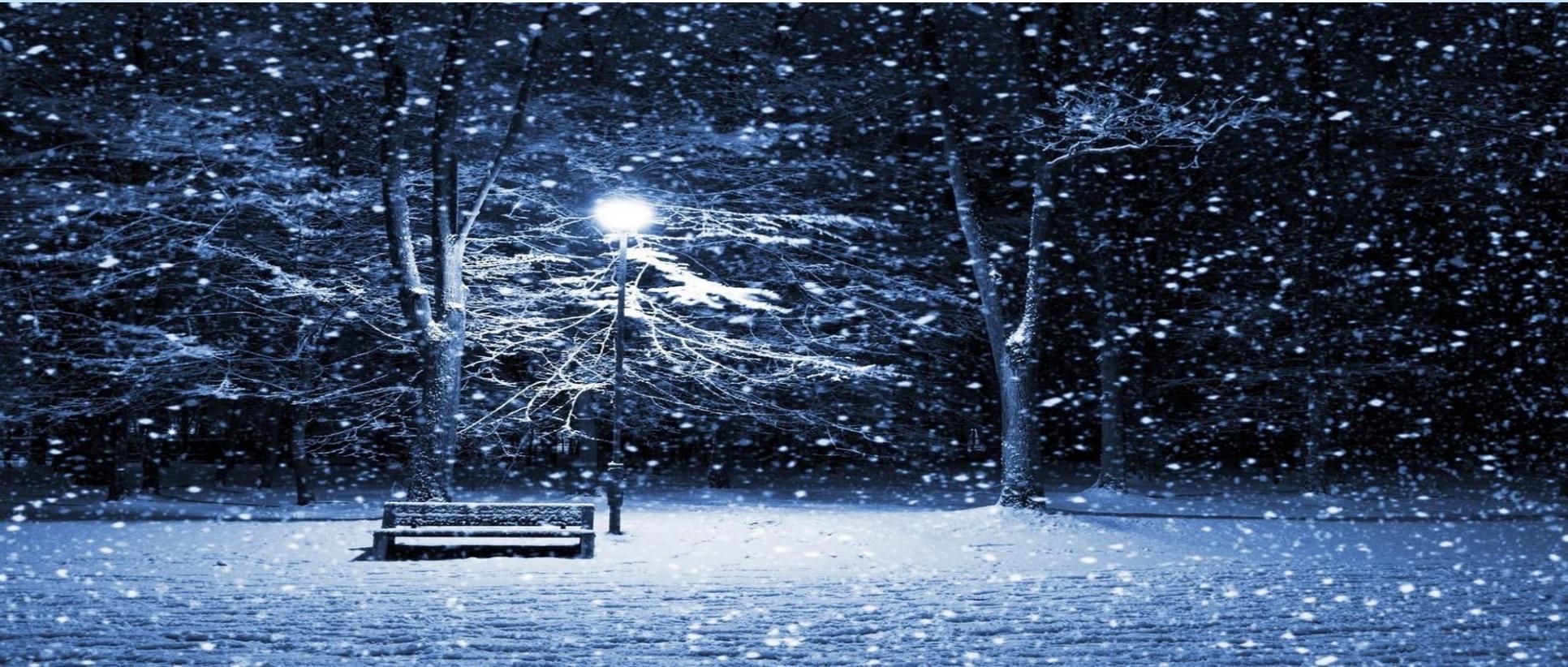


Winter Weather Safety Tips



From your friends at South Brunswick Township Department of Public Works

South Brunswick Township Department of Public Works is committed to providing timely, efficient, and cost effective snow removal and ice control services to township residents and to the general motoring public.



As a resident and concerned citizen, there are many things you can do to help facilitate the safe and timely removal of snow from roadways...



1. It's hazardous to leave vehicles parked in the street during a winter weather event! Keep your car or truck parked safely in your driveway to ensure the safety of other motorists.



2. When shoveling snow or operating a snow blower, do not throw snow out in to the street or sidewalk. This will ensure that snow does not freeze in the roadway or sidewalk and cause a hazard for vehicles and pedestrians.



3. Remove basketball hoops and other objects from the side of the road. They can present a hazard for snow plow operators, cause damage to snow clearing equipment, and sustain damage themselves if struck by the snow plow.



Tips for removing snow from your driveway:

To avoid shoveling your driveway entrance twice, wait until the plow truck is finished plowing the street before you shovel the end of your driveway.

When removing snow from your driveway, if you are facing the road, place the snow to the right of your driveway. This will allow for more efficient plowing and will help keep snow from being plowed back in to your driveway entrance



Also, if you do not have to be out on the road, stay home! Delaying non essential travel will help snow plow operators to clear the roads faster. Take this time to enjoy some hot chocolate with your family and watch the snow fall from the comfort of your home.



Talk to your children about how to be safe while snow clearing operations are in progress in your area. Some good points to get across are:

1. Never assume the snow plow operator can see you. This applies to pedestrians and motor vehicles.
2. Do not allow children to play in the street during snow clearing operations.
3. Never permit children to play in or around large berms of accumulated snow which may be present in or near the roadway. This can be extremely dangerous!

Many times, residents will call in with questions or comments about our operations. But before you call, here are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions we receive during winter weather events...



Winter Weather FAQ's

Question #1: My street was just plowed and now there is a large berm of snow built up in front of my driveway! Why does the snow plow operator have to put the snow there?

Answer: Snowplows are designed to push snow on an angle out of the roadway. This means snow which has accumulated in the street will be plowed off to the sides thus creating unwanted berms of snow which form along the edge of the roadway and in front of driveway entrances. Unfortunately, this is a by-product of snow clearing operations and is necessary to keep roadways safe and hazard free.



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Question #2: Why hasn't my street been plowed yet?

Answer: With 150 miles of roadway to clear, it is necessary to prioritize the roads which handle the most amount of traffic first. But don't worry, your street will be plowed off in a timely manner. Also, DPW is in constant contact with police headquarters and can be dispatched anywhere in the township to clear the way for first responders in the event of an emergency.



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Question #3: What is township policy regarding snow and ice removal on sidewalks?

Answer: If you live on a public street in which your sidewalk abuts the roadway, then you have up to 12 hours after the first daybreak after the accumulation of snow or ice from a winter weather event to clear your sidewalk and make it safe for pedestrian foot travel.



Residents and business owners are encouraged to read the municipal code regarding snow removal for all property owner and occupant responsibilities, which is accessible through the township's website.



Fun Fact:

In addition to 150 miles of roadway, Public Works also maintains over 8 miles of township sidewalk and bike path which must be cleared after a snowfall.



Finally, we look forward to working with you this winter to provide safe and efficient snow clearing operations throughout the township. It is our main goal to provide you, our residents, with the highest level of service during winter weather events.



These winter weather tips are brought to you by South Brunswick Township
Department of Public Works.

