

## **Snow Removal / De-icing Policies and Procedures from Public Works**

The removal of snow and de-icing of Borough roads is performed by the Department of Public Works. All snow equipment is deployed by the Director as needed after reviewing current conditions and forecasts made available by electronic media and in working closely with the Police, Fire, and First Aid Departments, the School Superintendent and Office of Emergency Management by two way radio communication and cell phones to assure that our road system is made as safe as possible in a timely, cost effective and efficient manner for the residents we serve.

When we know measurable snowfall will occur, our very qualified staff of dedicated employees will be called-in to apply what is called a brine coat of salt mixed with magnesium chloride to pre-treat the roads prior to or at the time of the expected snowfall. With this in place and as the snow continues to fall and accumulate, we begin to utilize our snowplows but raise them a bit (so as to not remove the brine coat of salt we applied) and begin the plowing process. This initial application of salt will serve the motorist well as it begins to melt the snow as it falls and maintains a point of traction for your vehicle as you travel our roads and we begin to plow off the excess snow that has accumulated. On other occasions when winter weather conditions permit rainfall to take place during the day and later freeze at night, the same de-icing process will take place.

It's during these times that our roads are prioritized to always allow Emergency Services (Fire, First Aid and OEM) safe travel to help residents during an illness requiring the transportation to a local hospital, a household fire or another emergency where as the Office of Emergency Management is called in.

First priority roads would include roads that directly connect to County and State roads such as Poole, Park, Morningside, Front, etc. with secondary roads being Central, Center, Lorillard and so on. We also assist with the County roads that run through the Borough as needed to improve conditions for our residents.

Following these additional guidelines will also help us in serving the residents in a more effective manner during any snow or ice emergency:

- Please do not pass our snow plows during any emergency snow operations.
- Please park all vehicles off of the street whenever snow is in the forecast.
- Basketball hoops should be removed from the street in front of your house.
- As you stand in front of your house looking at it, please shovel or plow any snow you remove from your driveway to the left side so as when one of our snowplows come by, the snow you have shoveled is taken away from your driveway, not put back in it.
- After any plowable snowfall we receive, please keep your garbage and recycling cans out of the street.
- Do not discharge water or shovel/ plow snow into the street at any time. This will only delay your street being from being properly cleaned of snow and ice in a timely fashion as your street will then be rotated to the bottom of the list. Please talk to your neighbors about this and if you have any questions, call the Director of Public Works, John K. Haines at 732-264-1133.