

MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

The following is the general snow removal policy for the Borough with suggestions for the residents to make the job more effective and efficient. This plan is a general policy and each storm will dictate how it is implemented and what adjustments will be made.

For winter storms, the Borough is divided into sections with a vehicle assigned to each section. The first priority is to make the roads under Borough jurisdiction safe for the traveling public; priority of each vehicle is to open each street in its assigned section.



At the start of the storm, all trucks are sent out to their assigned areas with the instructions to salt hills, intersections and curve areas first, then all other areas. Salt needs the movement of traffic to make it most effective, so if it appears that your street has not yet been done, it may be that there has not yet been enough traffic on it yet. For plowing, the drivers are instructed to make one pass in each direction on the street and they are to make one pass in and one pass out in the cul-de-sacs.

After each one is passable, we will start the procedure of pushing back the snow to the road edge and cleaning out the cul-de-sacs. This operation may not begin until the following day because the employees will be sent home to get some rest after the long grueling hours spent in the initial plowing effort.

You can help by following the suggestions below:

Vehicle Parking: Park off the road in your driveway. In the case of those with steep driveways or multiple vehicles, park at the mouth of the driveway (at least ten feet from road), off the road. The more of the driveway surface that is protected, the less shoveling will have to be done. In cul-de-sacs, which are difficult enough to plow without vehicles parked in them, park all vehicles off the roadway. It doesn't help at all to park at the end of the cul-de-sac along curb or to double park vehicles in that area. If your car is parked in the roadway during the snow removal operations, it will be towed at owner's expense.



Mailboxes: Please check the condition and position of your mailbox. It is not permitted to have your mailbox extend over the edge of the road. Accidents do happen and if your mailbox is damaged because it is in the right-of-way, we are not responsible for repairs. Post Office suggests that the mailboxes should be approximately four (4') feet from Road Edge.

Driveways: We always receive complaints about plowing driveways closed after a resident has spent hours shoveling it open. Three suggestions for shoveling driveways are:

- 1.) Wait until all plowing operations have ceased before shoveling your driveway.
- 2.) When shoveling open the mouth of your driveway, shovel six (6') feet out into the roadway from the driveway and ten (10') feet to either side. This allows the plow to unload any snow it is pushing before crossing in front of the driveway.
- 3.) When shoveling your driveway leave the last six (6') feet un-shoveled until the plowing operations have ceased. This will allow the snow being pushed to remain on the plow and not be dumped into the freshly shoveled driveway.
- 4.) No pushing snow across roadways – this is a State Law and there is a \$300.00 fine.

Contact the Borough at 570-839-8436 Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

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Sidewalks: The owner, occupant or tenant of every property with a sidewalk fronting upon or alongside any of the streets in the Borough, is required to remove snow or ice from all sidewalks in front of or alongside such property within 24 hours after a snowfall event. A minimum of at a least twenty-four inch snow and ice free pathway must be opened within 24 hours. If the property is unoccupied; or tenant occupied; or occupied by more than one tenant; or multiple-business; or multiple-dwelling property; occupied by more than one tenant or occupier, the property owner(s) shall be responsible if the tenant is unable to be identified.



In the event that the snow and/or ice accumulation becomes so hard that it cannot be removed by means of a snow shovel, or similar device, then the owner, occupant or tenant of such property, within 24 hours, shall place down enough cinder, sand or other similar abrasive material to be out on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe, and shall, as soon as weather permits clear a twenty-four inch pathway.

In any case, where the owner, occupant or tenant, shall fail, or neglect or refuse to comply with the removal of snow and/or ice within the time limit prescribed above, the Borough authorities may proceed immediately to clear all snow and/or ice from the sidewalk of such owner, occupant or tenant, and to collect the expenses thereof, with any additional amount allowed by law, from such owner, occupant or tenant, as the case may be, which may in addition to any fine or penalty imposed.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be assessed a civil penalty of no more than \$50.00 together with any court costs. Every day that a violation of this article continues shall constitute a separate offense. This article shall be enforced by the Borough Zoning Officer or other designee of the Borough of Mount Pocono.

REMINDER: Keep sidewalks clear of any trash and/or recycling containers so that pedestrians can walk safely.

Thank you in advance for your prompt cooperation on the matter.

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