BYRAM TOWNSHIP
SNOW AND ICE CONTROL
OPERATION PLAN

Byram Township strives to provide effective and efficient snow and ice removal to allow motorists to travel safely within the Township during winter weather events. Each event is unique, and the snow and ice control operation changes depending on several factors including but not limited to the amount, type and intensity of precipitation forecasted. Motorists should always use caution and drive appropriately for the road conditions.

The township requests residents to minimize travel during a winter weather event and only venture out when absolutely necessary. This will assist both the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Public Safety with operations. Also, please keep in mind that while we would like to insure that the roads are cleared quickly, we must also look out for the safety of our employees.

Snow and Ice Control

In response to most winter weather events, the streets and roads may be treated with salt and grit. If conditions and accumulations warrant, the Township switches to plowing operations.

Primary Streets and Roadways

During a winter weather event, particularly during the height of the storm, the Public Works Department makes every effort to maintain passage of primary streets and roads that link Byram communities to the County and State Highway system. Primary roads are defined as commuter routes and collector streets under the Township's jurisdiction. Once the storm subsides, these roads are cleared of snow and ice as soon as possible, and snow and ice removal operations continue after the end of the storm.

Secondary Streets and Roadways

Secondary roads will not be treated until primary roads have been cleared. Residential streets, cul-de-sacs and dead ends that are not high volume streets are considered secondary streets and roadways.

State and County Highway Systems

Removal of snow and ice from Route 206 is handled by the NJ Department of Transportation North Region Office, 609-588-6211, or at http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/about/directory/northregion. Removal of snow and ice from Lackawanna Drive, Lee Hill Road and parts of Amity Road are handled by the Sussex County Division of Public Works, 973-579-0430.

Placing Snow on Streets

Township Code 213-37 prohibits anyone from placing, shoveling, blowing or plowing snow from private property onto streets and roadways of the Township.

Parking on Street Prohibited

According to Township Code 230-56, whenever snow has fallen, no vehicles shall be parked on any streets in the Township of Byram with the exception of Brookwood Road. Residents on Brookwood Road must park their vehicles on the north side of Brookwood Road. In addition, between the hours of 8am and noon, parked vehicles on Brookwood Road must be moved or relocated to an area on the north side of the street that has already been plowed.

This shall remain in effect until the storm has ended and the streets have been plowed.

Please Clear Your Sidewalks

Township Code 213-36 requires that property owners remove snow and/or ice from abutting sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm ceases.

Mailboxes and Fire Hydrants

Curbside mailboxes may become blocked by plowed snow. The US Post Office has a policy regarding access to mailboxes. The US Postal Service does not require all snow to be removed, but that enough snow is removed to allow the mail delivery vehicle to drive up to the mailbox for delivery. This is the responsibility of the postal customer.

Removing snow around fire hydrants greatly assists the fire department and is appreciated but not mandatory.

Mailbox Replacement Policy

Each winter, mailboxes may be damaged during winter maintenance operations. More often than not, damage to mailboxes is caused by snow pushing against weakened posts or hardware. If you can shake your mailbox, it probably needs maintenance. Take time now to make any repairs needed so your mailbox will be strong enough to survive the winter. In the unlikely event that your mailbox is damaged during a winter weather event, Byram Township Department of Public Works policy allows for replacement only if a mailbox is struck by road department equipment.

Snow Plowed on Sidewalks and Driveways

Snow on Township streets and roads will be plowed to the curb or shoulder, for areas without curbs. Previously cleared sidewalks and driveways may be re-covered with snow. Cleared sidewalks provide a safe walkway for pedestrians, including school children.

Additional Information

For additional information, visit the Township's website at www.Byramtwp.org and access the Township Code and the Public Works Department Page.

Good Neighbor Policy

Many people require assistance following a snowstorm. The elderly and disabled often need help in removing snow from their sidewalks and driveways. Many organizations are looking for volunteers to assist those in need during and after snow events. Please look out for each other.

Byram Township thanks you for your assistance and cooperation.