

SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES

Snow season is coming! The Township would like to remind residents that private streets, fire hydrants, sidewalks and driveways are required to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours following a storm event. Chapter 205 of the Township Code regulates snow and ice removal; the regulations are enforced any time snow or ice covers the ground. These regulations ensure there are safe and accessible means of walking and driving available throughout the Township. **The crews in our Public Works Department will be plowing within 36” of the curb and will make multiple passes over a 48 to 72 hour period to move the snow off the road.**

Property Owners’ Responsibilities for Clearing Sidewalks

- **When to clear sidewalks:** It is the responsibility of property owners to remove snow, slush, and ice along the full width of the sidewalks and across driveways within 24 hours after the snow or slush has ceased to fall. **Please exercise caution and care when shoveling, especially during extreme cold!**
- **What to clear:** Owners of any home and/or building abutting a public or private way are responsible for ensuring that any fire hydrants, sidewalk and accessible ramps in front of their property, and extending to the corner if on a corner lot, are clear of ice and snow, in accordance with Section 205-2 and 3 of the Township Code of Ordinances. Snow, slush and ice shall be removed with the following conditions:
 - ◇ Fire hydrants shall not be covered.
 - ◇ If the snow, slush or ice cannot be removed within 24 hours due to hardening, property owners must apply an abrasive (such as sand or salt) to allow for safe travel.
 - ◇ No snow, slush, ice or a combination thereof shall stem from a property or be deposited or pushed from a property onto a street or right-of-way at any location.
 - ◇ No person shall damage any Township property while removing snow, ice or slush.

For more information about property owner responsibilities when clearing private streets, fire hydrants, sidewalks and driveways, visit our website at www.uatwp.org and view Chapter 205 in the Township Code section.

In Case of a Snow Emergency, below are Highlights of Chapter 233, “Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Township Code, as follows:

- The Township may declare a “Snow Emergency,” which will be announced via TV, radio, social media, the website, or other available media.
- It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle or other vehicle on any Township-maintained street upon commencement of a “Snow Emergency” and until the snow has been plowed.
- Any member of the Township’s Police Department or other employee of the Township engaged in road work is authorized to remove any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions and to take it to the nearest garage or other place of safety. The owner of said vehicle will be notified of the vehicle’s whereabouts and owner may retrieve the vehicle upon payment of any and all towing and storage charges.

A Friendly Request: We recognize the inconvenience; however, it is impossible for plowing crews to avoid plowing snow in front of driveways. Please **DO NOT** block the roadway or approach the truck to avoid snow plowed into the driveway. **These actions are dangerous and only prolong the road clearing process.** Residents may want to wait to clear their driveway until after crews have finished plowing the roads. Keep in mind there are 82.6 miles of roads in Upper Allen Township. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the winter season!