

# ONTELAUNEE TOWNSHIP

## SNOW RELATED POLICY

To serve the public better, the township has adopted the following policy regarding snow related issues.

During the winter season, it is the Public Work's policy to begin salting, cindering and plowing as soon as it is necessary.

All major thoroughfares will be done first. After the initial pass, the plow will return to widen the path.

The township supervisors are asking all residents with a fire hydrant in front of or on their property to adopt the hydrant during the winter months. Please shovel any snow that may accumulate around the hydrant. In a fire situation, seconds count and if the firefighters cannot find the hydrant or have to dig it out the lost time could result in catastrophic damage to your or your neighbor's home.

### **How You Can Help**

1. Do not drive unless absolutely necessary
2. Remove your vehicles from the roadways, park in your driveway or yard if necessary to allow the crews to plow without any obstructions. If your vehicle is not removed from the street it most likely will be plowed in.
3. Prevent street flooding by clearing catch basins near your home to allow rain and melting snow to enter the drainage system.
4. All snow plows are angled the same way (to the driver's right) and will automatically push the snow that direction. It is impossible for the equipment operators to avoid pushing snow into cleared driveways and sidewalks. If you must clear your driveway prior to the completion of snow plowing, please keep in mind that the snow that is in front of the plow will unload wherever there is a cleared area. This is why snow is left in a cleared driveway as the street is plowed. Clearing an area on the side of the driveway from which the plow approaches will provide an area for the snow to unload before it reaches your driveway. This area needs to be at least five feet long and two to three feet wide.
5. It is unlawful to shovel, plow or snowblow any snow into the street or roadway.
6. Any property owner/tenant of every property fronting any street in the township is asked to remove from the sidewalks all snow or ice that has fallen within 24 hours after any snow event. Please have a path of 36 inches wide cleared.
7. Mailbox damage- the township is not responsible for any mailboxes that are located within the right of way, that are hit by snow, ice or snowplows.
8. Please be patient with the equipment operators. Snow removal is a strenuous and time consuming task. It is our mission to make the streets passable and as safe for motorists as

we can in the shortest period of time. Every storm is different and poses different challenges.

For those residents who feel they have a legitimate complaint should call the office at 610-926-4240 ext. 200 or email [ontelauneetownship@comcast.net](mailto:ontelauneetownship@comcast.net)

