

## **LOGAN TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL / ROAD TREATMENT POLICY**

In order to help the public better understand snow removal and road treatment in the Township, the following snow removal / road treatment policy is being provided as general information.

The Road Crew is split into two separate crews, the early crew and the regular crew. The regular crew is supervised by the Highway Foreman and the early crew is supervised by the Assistant Highway Foreman. If the weather forecast indicates an early morning accumulation of snow or ice, the early crew will start at 4 or 5:00am. If bad weather begins earlier than 4am, the early crew may begin earlier. If the early crew starts at 4:00am, they will stop work at 12:30pm. If the roads have not been cleared by 12:30pm, the early crew may be asked to work additional hours. The regular crew will start work at 7:00am and finish at 3:30pm. The schedule of the regular crew may also be adjusted based on the snowfall and / or weather. Both crews can be available for the early start time depending on the snowfall rate and road conditions.

The Priority Roads for snowplowing/ treating are as follows:

1. All school routes
2. Avalon Road
3. Bellemeade Drive
4. Greenwood Road
5. Lotz Avenue
6. Oak Avenue
7. S. Carlisle Lane
8. S. Dartmouth Lane
9. 58<sup>th</sup> Street
10. N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street
11. 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Please remember that PennDOT is responsible for all State Routes.

During heavy snow storms, with large accumulations, these routes or roads will be maintained first and checked often due to the larger traffic volumes. This means that some secondary roads may not be in the same condition as the priority roads. The secondary roads will be treated. However, it may take a longer time during a heavy snow storm before the secondary roads will be cleared.

All property owners should understand that the ends of their driveways may receive deposits of snow by the Township snowplows, even after their driveways have been shoveled. In order to minimize this effect, snow shoveled from driveways should be piled downstream from the direction of plowing. This way it will not get plowed back into the driveway.

Please do not throw, blow, plow or place snow from driveways and sidewalks into the public street or public right of way. This creates a hazard to the driving public. Those caught doing this will receive a citation from the Police Department.

Please also remember that mailboxes are located within the Township right-of-way. Because mailboxes are located with the right-of-way, the Township is not liable for any damage.

While the Road Crew is plowing their routes, the intersections will be pushed back as they go. During heavy snow storms intersections may be let go until one pass is made and the roads are open. When the roads have been opened and treated, the crews will drop back and clean-up the intersections.

The Highway Department maintains two sidewalks within the Township. These sidewalks are located along South Carlisle Lane and the North 8<sup>th</sup> Street bridge in Greenwood. These sidewalks will be maintained after all of the roads are cleared and treated.

After hour call-outs will happen from time to time. The Highway Department depends on reports from the Township Police Department Sergeant on duty and the 911 dispatch center. If the Sergeant on duty feels that the Township roads are in need of treatment, he will make contact with either the Highway Foreman or Assistant Foreman. The Highway Foreman will also monitor local weather forecasts and will use his own judgment concerning calling in crews after normal working hours.

Pennsylvania regulations at Title 67 (Vehicle Code) Chapter 231.341 (a) incorporates by reference, the federal regulations at 49 CFR Section 395.3 which limits the hours employees may drive commercial motor vehicles. These regulations establish time limits as follows.

- No driver shall drive more that 11 hours without a minimum of 10 consecutive hours off-duty before being allowed to drive again.
- No driver shall drive that has been on duty 60 hours in any 7 consecutive days if the employee does not operate commercial motor vehicles every day of the week. However a driver can “reset” this weekly on-duty time limit by being off-duty 34 consecutive hours.
- No driver shall drive that has been on duty 70 hours in any period of 8 consecutive days if the employee operates commercial motor vehicles every day of the week. However a driver can “reset” this weekly on-duty time limit by being off-duty 34 consecutive hours.

Title 67 (Vehicle Code) Section 231.346 does provide for an exemption from the above driving time limits during emergencies. Therefore, during a Township declared emergency, this exemption is implemented.

*If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the Highway Foreman at 814-949-3355.*