

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PREPARATIONS

The township is preparing for the snow removal season and has contracts in place for the purchase of road salt and cinders for the treatment of township roads. Each of you can help with the maintenance of the roads this winter by following these winter reminders:

- Remove vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. There is reduced visibility for the drivers during a snowstorm. Having to maneuver through parked traffic makes their jobs much more difficult.
- Mailboxes and posts are often broken from the weight of the plowed snow or simply pushed over by snow. Please check posts for deterioration to reduce the possibility of breakage. Also, install mailboxes as far from the edge of the roadway as permitted by your postal delivery personnel. Installations of any items (e.g. fences, basketball nets, mailboxes, etc.) in the right-of-way are placed there at the owner's risk.
- Cul-de-sacs are difficult to clear to everyone's satisfaction. Snowplows do not have the ability to lift and carry snow from one area to another. The plow pushes the snow. The driver pushes the snow to an area most suitable to expedite the plowing and to open the road.
- Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This creates a safety hazard. If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway and your sidewalk. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway. Township snow removal crews do not clear private driveways, driveway entrances, and sidewalks of accumulated snow.

See example below.



REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGE TO MAILBOX & POST



Perkiomen Township has adopted a policy regarding the reimbursement for damage to any mailbox and/or post caused by the Township's snowplows. This includes damage caused by Township employees, agents, and contractors that plow snow or salt and cinder the roads in Perkiomen Township. Any mailbox owner that claims a Township plow has damaged his/her mailbox and/or post shall report the damage to Shawn Motsavage, Township Road Master, within five (5) business days. Upon receipt of the claim, Mr. Motsavage will investigate the complaint. The Township shall only be responsible for damage to the mailbox and/or post that it strikes with its vehicles or its plows and shall not be responsible for damage caused by plowed snow, salt, or cinders. The owner of the mailbox shall either repair or replace the mailbox and/ or post, then submit a receipt to the Township for the cost. Said receipt shall be submitted

with a request for reimbursement within thirty (30) days after Mr. Motsavage has investigated the claim. If the receipt for repair or replacement of the mailbox and/or post is less than \$125.00, the Township will reimburse the owner for the amount set forth on the receipt. If said cost exceeds \$125.00, the Township's financial responsibility shall be capped at \$125.00. The Township's responsibility shall be limited to the cost of the repair or replacement of the mailbox and/or post only. Any other items (e.g. fences, plantings, basketball nets) situated in the right-of-way or the edge of the roadway are placed there at the owner's risk and are not eligible for reimbursement by the Township should they be damaged by the Township's employees, agents or contractors.