



Snow Removal Tips for Borough of Bath Residents

Here are some helpful tips for Borough residents to follow in order to help ease the snow removal process for both residents and Public Works personnel. It is the goal of the Borough to keep its roadways safe for residents and emergency responders during the course of the 2014/2015 winter season.

How to Shovel a Driveway Apron

As you are standing in your driveway facing the street, shovel the snow to the right of your driveway. This will help the plow truck to avoid pushing the pile back into your driveway apron on the next pass. Please remember that the plow will always deposit some snow at the end of your driveway; this is unavoidable.

When Should I Start Shoveling My Driveway?

To avoid clearing a driveway apron repeatedly, wait until the plow truck has completed clearing the roadway curb-to-curb and the weather event has ended before you start removing snow from your driveway.

Where Should I Pile Snow?

Shoveling, blowing or plowing snow into the street is a violation of local ordinances. Where physically possible, the Borough asks that its residents please attempt to pile snow in the yard space behind the curbing/sidewalks.

How Much Time Do I Have to Remove Snow/Ice from Sidewalks?

Borough Ordinances require that all snow/ice is removed from the sidewalks located in the public-right-of-way within twenty-four (24) hours after the storm has ended.

Where Should I Park During a Snowstorm?

Utilize off-street parking (driveways, parking lots, etc.) whenever possible even if your street is not along a designated snow emergency route. When plows have to negotiate around parked vehicles, the overall time required for plowing is increased. Snow gets packed tightly around parked vehicles, and that will make it more difficult for you to shovel your vehicle out. Parking off-street also protects your car from being splashed with slush and salt, which can corrode the parts of your vehicle over time.

Can Portable Basketball Hoops/Bicycles/Personal Property Stay in the Street?

Basketball hoops, bicycles, soccer nets and all other personal property should be removed from the street right-of-way before snow removal activities begin. Leaving basketball hoops and personal property in the street presents a safety hazard for residents and Borough personnel. The Borough is not responsible for damage caused to personal property left in the street.

Fire Hydrants

If a fire hydrant is located on your property, please remember it is the responsibility of the property owner- not the Borough of Bath Public Works Department or the Bath Volunteer Firefighters- to clear out the hydrant. Please remove the snow surrounding the hydrant and create a point of access to the hydrant from the street.

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