

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL

Streets must be cleared from curb to curb. Residents and business owners are encouraged to remove snow in a two-foot circumference from fire hydrants located in front of their residences or businesses. Think safety for all. Clearing the streets of snow may require several passes of the snow plows.

If you have no sidewalk, pile snow on the left side of the driveway (stand facing the residence). If there is a sidewalk in front of the residence, pile snow to the left of the driveway on either side of the sidewalk and to the right of the driveway behind the sidewalk (stand facing the residence). **DO NOT SHOVEL SNOW INTO THE STREET.**

Park all vehicles in the driveway during snowstorms to save time shoveling and to keep the road clear for snow plows and emergency vehicles. After plowing is complete, the front of the residence should remain clear of obstructions for later parking.

WHEN DOES PLOWING BEGIN?

Plowing begins when snow depths reach two inches and freezing temperatures indicate no melting.

- If the snow accumulation is less than two inches and the afternoon sun begins to melt the snow, we allow nature to take its course, thus saving your tax dollars.
- Expect a minor amount of snow on the streets after the plowers have passed. This is done to avoid damaging snowplow blades, manhole covers and other above pavement obstacles (i.e. rumble strips).

WHICH AREAS ARE PLOWED FIRST?

The City of Orange is comprised of 9.9 square miles of road surface which is cleared in the following order:

- Hills
- Bridges
- Emergency routes and all major arteries in and out of the city limits
- Snow in and around catch basins is removed immediately to avoid flooding and sewer backups

WHEN ARE THE NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS PLOWED:

Once all emergency roads have been cleared, snow removal will begin on neighborhood streets.

The plowing is done curb to curb, which involves plowing from the center of the street first, then plowing each side of the street. All snow plows angle the same way; to the driver's right. While plowing, the plow will push the snow in front of a residential driveway. The homeowner is responsible for access to his/her driveway.

NOTE: The only way to avoid additional snow removal is to wait until DPW work crews have completed their final clean up of your road.

- Most streets will require three or four passes
- Some streets may require as few as two passes, or, as many as five passes

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COUNTY ROADS?

Essex County Public Works has designated workers to ensure that all County roadways are accessible for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The following Orange streets are Essex County Roads:

- Central Avenue
- High Street
- Scotland Road
- Washington Street (From High Street to West Orange Border)
- Main Street (From Scotland Road to West Orange Border)

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS?

The City of Orange Board of Education has designated workers to ensure that the sidewalks, parking lots and playground areas of the schools are free of snow and ice.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING DRIVEWAYS, SIDEWALKS, AND ENTRANCES?

The homeowner and/or property owner is responsible for clearing snow and ice from the following areas:

- All private residential and commercial property, including property in and around driveways, sidewalks and walkways.
- The City of Orange Township does not provide snow removal services to private property – residential or commercial.

WHAT CAN RESIDENTS DO TO HELP?

Being an informed neighbor helps everyone in the community. During major storms, residents should stay updated on snow removal operations in the City by checking Channel 35, Cablevision Channel 12, or television or radio news stations in the tri-state area.

SAFETY TIPS

- Park cars in private driveways or secure them on off-street lots.
- Share driveway space or garage with neighbors
- If you must venture out, car pool or use mass transit
- Equip vehicles with snow tires or chains
- Be aware of parking restrictions when road is snow covered
- Shovel around the perimeter of your property within 24 to 48 hours of the last snowfall
- Shovel snow onto your own property
- Shovel snow away from fire hydrants near your property
- DO NOT shovel snow into the street
- DO NOT park on the street, if possible
- DO NOT shovel snow on top of fire hydrants or alarm boxes
- DO NOT shovel snow onto storm sewers

DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

Public Works Department

(973) 266-4030

(During normal business hours Mon-Fri 8:30am – 4:30pm)

Orange Police Department

(973) 266-4111

Orange Fire Department

(973) 266-4222

Office of Emergency Management

(973) 266-4222

Emergency Only

911

PSE&G

(800) 436-7734

Emergency PSE&G

(800) 880-7734

No Heat Hotline

(973) 266-4098

(During normal business hours Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm)

No Heat Hotline

(973) 277-1869

(After 4:30pm and weekends)

(973) 296-8419

New Jersey Transit

(973) 275-5555

Sewer & Water Emergency (United Water)

(866) 893-0546

(Weekdays 8:00am-4:30pm)

Sewer & Water Emergency

800) 360-3040

(After 4:30pm and weekends)