

Snow Removal

Roadside Vehicle Parking – If a storm/inclement weather is anticipated, remove vehicles from the roadside shoulders. This allows plows to clear the area the first time through, making return trips unnecessary. Vehicles parked in a ‘No Street Parking’ area will be referred to the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department.

Driveway to Roadway – Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This can cause a serious traffic hazard. If possible, it is best to place snow on the side of your driveway opposite the direction the plow is traveling. By implementing this technique, the plow will push snow away from your driveway rather than back into it. If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway. Township snow removal crews do not clear private driveways or driveway entrances of accumulated snow.

Protect Driveways – Prior to snow removal season apply a driveway protectant. This will help eliminate the possibility of damage from snow removal materials.

Rochester Township is not responsible for damage to private driveways, etc. due to snow removal materials.

Snow Removal Trucks W/Plows Raised – A truck with a raised plow does not always mean the driver has completed your area. They may be:

- Returning for fuel or vehicle service.
- Returning to the Township Garage for additional treatment material.
- Responding to a call to assist Emergency Services, i.e.:
 - Police Department
 - Fire Department
 - Volunteer Ambulance
 - School District Transportation Department
- **Why Hasn't My Road Been Plowed** – Township employees will clear & treat those roads maintained by the Township in the timeliest manner possible. The Township may not maintain all roads in the area. Some roads may be maintained by the state, some by the county and some roads may be private (as in developments where roads have not yet been dedicated).
- **Mailboxes & Mailbox Posts** – Help reduce the possibility of a damaged/broken mailbox or mailbox post. Plow operators are urged to take precautions to avoid hitting mailbox posts. Experience has shown that reduced visibility during a storm makes it difficult for a driver to see a post in time to avoid striking it or pushing it over with plowed snow. Any installation within the right of way – including a mailbox/post – is placed there at the owner's risk. Therefore, owners are encouraged to install mailboxes at the maximum usable distance from the edge of the roadway. Posts should also be checked for

deterioration to reduce the possibility that the weight of the plowed snow may simply break or push the post over. The Township shall not repair or replace mailboxes or posts damaged by the force or placement of plowed snow.