

# **SNOW REMOVAL TIPS & FACTS FOR BOROUGH RESIDENTS**

Here are some helpful tips and facts 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 2018/2019 winter season.

## **How to Shovel a Driveway Apron**

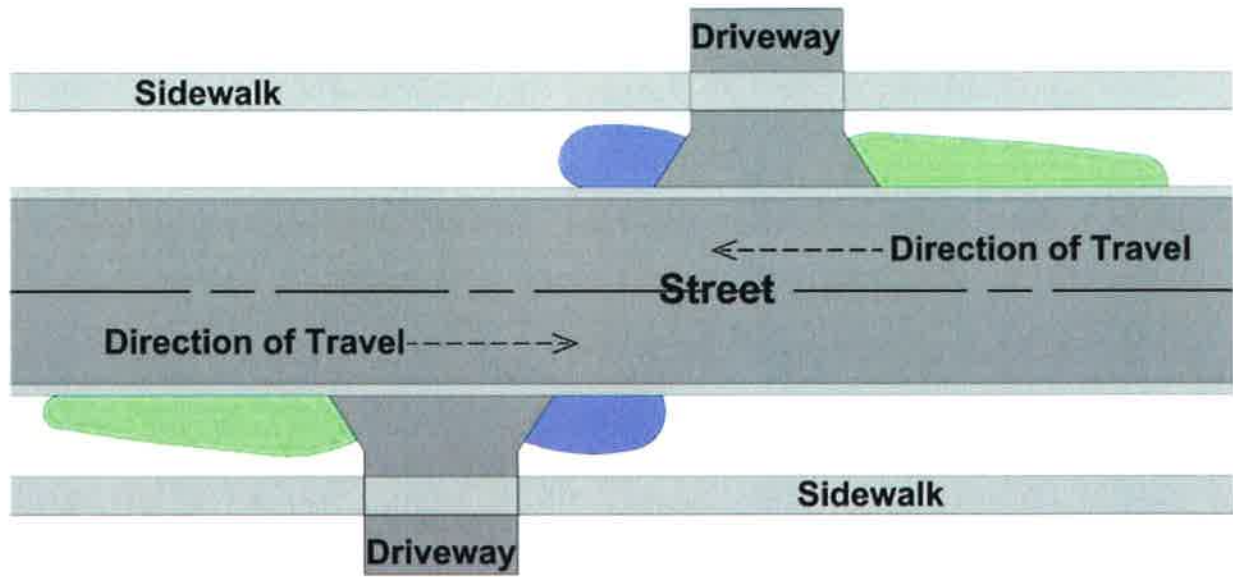
As you are standing in your driveway facing the street, shovel the snow to the right of your driveway. This will help the plow truck to avoid pushing the pile back into your driveway apron on the next pass. Please remember that the plow will always deposit some snow at the end of your driveway; this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

## **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.



### LEGEND

	<b>Pile Snow Downstream of Plowing Operation</b>
	<b>Clear this Area (Make a pocket for plow to drop snow)</b>

### 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.

### Residential Streets

When snow is falling or when heavy snowfall is predicted, Public Works plows one pass on residential streets which allows for a drive lane down the center of the street. Once snowfall stops or one pass is complete, crews will return and plow streets open as much as attainable.

### Private Streets, Driveways, and Sidewalks

Plowing snow on private property is the property owner's responsibility. Shoveling snow to the side of your driveway will lessen the amount of snow left at your driveway entrance and/or sidewalks during plowing. (See diagram above)

### 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. Vehicles left parked on the roadway, basketball hoops, and trashcans also left on the roadway will create snow removal delays. 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 Fountain Hill Public Works Department or the Fountain Hill 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.

### **Children Playing Near Roadways**

Do not make snow tunnels on or near the street and driveways. Snowplows and other drivers may not see these and could accidently injure someone playing inside them.

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