



When a snowstorm first hits, the Director of Public Works will dispatch the crews to begin plowing. The first streets to be plowed are the main arterial roads, Local collector roads are secondary on this list. The last roads to be plowed are cul-de-sacs, due to the time involved and the low impact on the greater population in a large snow event.



Please remember that Ellwood Road, Route 422, Route 388, Bryson Mill Road, Union Valley Road, Savannah Road (segment), Fletcher Hill Road (segment), Turkey Hill Road, Harmony Baptist Road, Center Church Road, and Frew Mill Road are Pennsylvania Department of Transportation streets, and are plowed by PennDOT. PennDOT should be contacted at 724-656-3104 for questions.

Shenango Township has approximately 67 miles of streets. Our plows could possibly make several trips down your street in the attempt to keep it clear. This may result in snow being thrown back into your driveway after you have shoveled it. This is unavoidable, and if possible, please wait until the snow has stopped and the plows have been through before you clear your driveway. This will eliminate the need to shovel your driveway more than once.

Snow Plow Safety Tips

Be **patient** and keep a **safe distance** behind working snow plows

- Be patient around plows
- NEVER pass a snow plow
- Beware of reduced visibility
- Do not drive beside snow plows
- Do not pass between snow plows in tandem
- Move aside: when approaching from the opposite direction, shift right

Avoid the "Second Shovel"



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Winter Storms.

BEING PREPARED TO WEATHER THE COLD SEASON

What Can I Do?

Salt



Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the EPA for a complete list of recommended products.

Shovel



Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.

Pets



Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

Heating



Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.

Clothing



Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

Plan



Make a Family Communications Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

Know the Terms

Freezing Rain - Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees and power lines.

Sleet - Rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes moisture on roads to freeze and become slippery.

Winter Weather Advisory - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.

Winter Storm Watch - A winter storm is possible in your area. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for more information.

Winter Storm Warning - A winter storm is occurring or will soon occur in your area.

Blizzard Warning - Sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 miles per hour or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow (reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile) are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer.

Frost/Freeze Warning - Below freezing temperatures are expected.

Radio



Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or other local news channels for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). Be alert to changing weather conditions.

Travel



Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.

Assist



Above all, be prepared to check on family and neighbors who are especially at risk from cold weather hazards: young children, older adults, and the chronically ill. If you have pets, bring them inside. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate, warm shelter and unfrozen water to drink.

Sand



Sand to improve traction.

