

## WHAT IS A SNOW EMERGENCY?

A SNOW EMERGENCY IS A DECLARATION made by the Mayor. Snow emergencies are declared when winter snow and ice conditions are severe enough to pose a hazard to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Occasionally, when the prediction is certain enough, the borough will declare the snow emergency in advance.

The purpose of the snow emergency is to promote an environment where PENDOT removal crews can better remove snow and ice between the curbs on public streets (curb to curb). This opens the roads to better accommodate future on street parking as well as to facilitate proper access for emergency vehicles including ambulance, fire response vehicles, police, deliveries and trash pick-up.

Snow emergencies are normally announced by the borough via e-mail, borough Facebook page, borough website ([www.trumbauersvilleboro.org](http://www.trumbauersvilleboro.org)), borough marquee in front of the borough office, WFMZ channel 69 news and radio and Ready Bucks. All information that you will need will be announced as to a start time and date, stop time and date and any other pertinent information. All snow emergencies mandate that all vehicles and trailers should not be parked on any public streets. Parking of removed vehicles and trailers may be parked on the borough parking lot at Veteran's Park. Snow emergencies also prohibits any riding of ATV's or snowmobiles on public streets.

The following are some suggestions to avoid unnecessary inconvenience during a snow emergency:

1. Keep your radio, computer, cell phone and/or television turned to local stations for the latest information.
2. Do not return your car to the roads until the snow emergency is lifted.
3. If you plan to be away from your home or business during an anticipated storm, please make arrangements to have your vehicle removed from the streets and your sidewalk shoveled if a snow emergency is declared and happens.
4. Removing the snow from fire hydrants around your property is very helpful.

### **General Winter Operations Ordinance Requirements:**

1. No resident is permitted to obstruct or "save" any parking space with items including but not limited to trash cans, furniture, barrels, barricades, etc.
2. Within a period of 24 hours after the final stoppage of a snowfall or other precipitation, all property owners shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks abutting their respective property so that a width of not less than 30" to three feet is cleared.

3. When ice appears on a sidewalk, but before it can be removed as provided herein, a nonskid material such as rock salt, cinders, ashes, sand or an ice melt product must be applied to the sidewalks.

4. When ice appears on a sidewalk because of any other reason other than precipitation, a nonskid material such as rock salt, cinders, ashes, sand or ice melt product shall be applied to the sidewalks as soon as the owner knows or should notice the ice on the sidewalk.

5. No person shall shovel, push, plow, dump, blow or deposit in any manner any snow or ice which has accumulated on any vehicles, sidewalk or private property onto any street, public park, right of way or public property in the borough.

The borough appreciates your cooperation and hopes that all property owners, residents and businesses understand that a declaration of a snow emergency is not intended to inconvenience but rather to be helpful in promoting the most effective and efficient removal of snow and ice from the borough roads and sidewalks.