

The Reading Township Public Works Department is responsible for ensuring Township roadways are safe and accessible during the winter season. Snow removal and ice control are provided for 47 miles of roadway. Please drive with caution during the winter season and adjust your speed accordingly since hazardous conditions may exist due to snow, wind, or freezing temperatures. Snow and ice control is considered emergency work in that roadways must be cleared any time of the day or night. Such factors as the rate and accumulation of snowfall, moisture content, temperature, time of day, wind direction, velocity, and duration are all taken into consideration in our approach to responding to each individual storm.

Mail Boxes

At times, heavy snow or slush discharged from a plow will knock down a mailbox. Most mailboxes, if properly placed and installed, will withstand the winter weather season. The Township will NOT be responsible for damage done to mailboxes while plowing as per Resolution # 2016-19 listed below. Before the winter season arrives, please make sure that your mailbox is properly secured.

Each property owner should check their mailbox front to ensure it meets current U.S. Postal Service regulations for installation. Complete details may be found at the USPS website:

<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

The U.S. Postal Service requests the cooperation of postal customers in keeping mailboxes clear of snow and ice, in order to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of mail each winter. Letter carriers are especially vulnerable to slips, trips and falls during the winter months. Residents who receive mail delivery to curbside boxes are asked to keep the approach to and exit from their mailbox clear of snow, ice, vehicles, trash cans and other objects.

Clearing your driveway

As salting and plowing are difficult operations to perform, residents are requested to park in their driveways when snow is anticipated rather, than on the street. Please, keep in mind that it is almost impossible to keep snow from being deposited at your driveway during plowing, as the plow cannot be lifted or stopped at each driveway as it passes. If you have your driveway plowed before the street is completed, here is a tip that will help minimize the amount of snow left in front of your driveway. When cleaning your driveway, clear an area to the left of the drive entrance (standing in the driveway, facing the street). When your street is plowed, the snow from the plow can be unloaded in this area instead of your driveway. Plows sometimes find it necessary to make several passes, in order to clear snow all the way to the curb to allow for property drainage.

Please, do not empty snow from your driveway into the roadway, this slows the overall plowing operation. Also, if snow that is placed in the street freezes, it can create a traffic hazard.

The Township would like to remind all property owners that the plowing of snow is an imperfect process and certain inconveniences are unavoidable. The two most common complaints received by the Township are damage to mailboxes and plowing closed of previously cleared driveways. There are no remedies to these problems. Township plows must operate at a minimum rate of speed in order to create enough momentum to remove snow from the road. We ask for your understanding and your acceptance of these realities and suggest that, if possible, you delay clearing your driveway until after the Township plows have completed snow removal. Township's snow removal operators are human, and during a storm they work long hours trying to do their best for the benefit of all.

Snow Emergency Notification and Parking Restrictions

It is the desire of the public works department to keep the streets clear of snow and safe for motor vehicles to travel. As a reminder, we want residents to be aware that it is unlawful to park along residential streets designated as a snow emergency route in accordance with Township Ordinance §15-602 when a snow emergency is declared:

Ordinance §15-602. Parking and Driving Restrictions.

After any snow emergency is declared, it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the emergency, for any person:

- A. To park a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any snow emergency route designated pursuant to this Part 6.
- B. To drive any motor vehicle on any such snow emergency route unless that vehicle is equipped with snow tires or chains.

Stay informed and tune to the following stations when inclement weather strikes the local area:

**Radio Stations 98.5 FM & 107.7 FM
Television Stations WGAL 8 & FOX 43**

READING TOWNSHIP
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION 2016-19

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MAILBOX POLICY WITHIN THE
RIGHT-OF-WAY OF READING TOWNSHIP ROADS

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, and the same is hereby resolved and enacted to establish the following Mailbox Policy within Reading Township.

Installation of mailboxes within the right-of-way of Township roads, including mailboxes, or parked cars during a declared snow emergency, is placed there at the owner's risk.


The Township shall not repair or replace mailboxes or posts damaged by the force or placement of plowed snow.

RESOLVED, this 17th day of October, 2016 to become effective immediately:

ATTEST:


Secretary/Treasurer

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF READING TOWNSHIP


Chairman