MURRYSVILLE PROCEDURES FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL

Procedures for snow and ice control have been established to meet specified levels of service. The plan is fully coordinated with the school bus company, the police department, and the volunteer fire and EMS services.

Goal of Snow and Ice Control Operations:

Murrysville will conduct snow and ice control activities that afford residents a reasonably safe and passable (not necessarily bare) road surfaces as much of the time as possible. Certain conditions such as blizzards, whiteouts, severe snow or ice events, thin ice formation in the absence of or during very light or spotty precipitation, and other conditions unknown or beyond control of maintenance forces may temporarily prelude achieving this goal.

Presently we operate with 14 designated snow routes with each route approximately 10 miles in length. There are 360 municipality-maintained roads with a total length of 142 miles. All roads are usually cleared within 4 hours. A lower level of service is generally provided between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Hours of Operation:

The Department's normal hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Priority Routes and Individual Streets:

Roads that are to be given priority are determined on a master list. This list is updated or revised at the beginning of each winter season.

State-Owned Roads: The following roads are not maintained by Murrysville:

- State Routes 22, 66, 286, and 380
- Boxcartown Road
- Claridge Road
- Hilty Road
- Italy Road
- Drennan Road
- Kemmerer Hollow Road
- Manor Road
- School Road South
- Trafford Road
- Vincent Hall Drive
- Brick Hill Road
- Harrison City Road

Private Roads and Driveways:

Road crews do not clear private roads or driveway entrances of accumulated snow, unless an emergency situation arises that directly threatens individual life or property. There are approximately 125 private roads. Any road name ending in "Lane" is private.

How Residents and Property Owners Can Help:

- 1. Do not park on municipal streets, especially during snow and ice events. Ticketing and towing may be involved where there are "No Street Parking" signs.
- 2. Keep basketball devices at least 10 feet from the edge of pavement.
- 3. Do not park cars in driveways within 10 feet of edge of pavement.
- 4. Do not allow children to build and occupy "snow forts" and similar creations within 10 feet of the edge of pavement.
- **5.** Do not relocate snow from driveways and sidewalks into the paved street. This is in violation of Pennsylvania law (PA C.S., Chapter 55) and would cause a hazardous condition on the street. Municipal Ordinance No. 17-78 prohibits blowing, throwing or depositing snow onto roadways; the fine is up to \$300.00.
- 6. Fences should not be located within 10 feet of edge of pavement.
- 7. Remove all non-permanent seasonal items from within 10 feet of edge of pavement.
- 8. Trim trees so that branches do not extend beyond the <u>back</u> of the curb.
- 9. Pile most of the snow from the driveway throat on the traffic downstream side. This will minimize visibility problems and will save the homeowner excess shoveling when the plow truck passes through again.

Mailboxes and Posts:

You can help to 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 event makes it difficult for a driver to see a post in time to avoid striking it or pushing it over with a snow plow. In the event that your mailbox is hit by a plow, contact the department; we will inspect the area to see if we are at fault.

Any installation within the right-of-way – including a mailbox/post – is placed there at the owner's risk. Owners are encouraged to install mailboxes at the maximum usable distance from the edge of the pavement. 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 Municipality will not repair mailboxes or posts damaged by the force or placement of plowed snow.

Contacting the Municipality during a Snow or Ice Event:

Avoid calling the Municipal offices during a storm except during an emergency. Personnel are extremely busy dealing with storm conditions.