

OXFORD BOROUGH SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

MISSION STATEMENT: *To clear Borough Streets of snow and/or ice in a safe and efficient manner with priority given to the health and safety of the Borough citizens and traveling public.*

Plowing/Salting Procedures:

- For winter storms, Oxford Borough is sectioned into three routes. Each route will be worked on simultaneously by one truck. Three additional smaller trucks will be assigned to routes where needed the most.
- Road clearing will be undertaken around-the-clock unless conditions render clearing efforts useless. In such cases, plows will remain on standby for emergency situations.
- Each route includes high priority roads and lesser priority roads. When a snowstorm begins, operators will cover their entire route with salt and anti-skid materials. This keeps the snow and ice from freezing to the streets. Plowing begins when the snow accumulates to a depth of two to three inches. For minor storms, the entire route may be completed at once. However, if the storm intensifies, only priority roads will be cleared. Secondary roads and cul-de-sacs will not be plowed until the main roads can be kept open. As the storm lightens, all roads will be opened. Roads will be plowed curb-to-curb; cul-de-sacs and intersections will be cleared after the storm has passed.

Citizen Participation

- It is not uncommon for snow plows, in the course of clearing roads, to push snow in front of driveways. Plowing operations typically cause snow to be moved to the right of the moving truck and onto the shoulder or edge of the roadway. Homeowners can prevent their driveways from being plowed shut by removing snow to the downside of the driveway.
- During a winter storm, do not park vehicles on the street. Remove all vehicles from the street before the storm and keep them off the streets until streets are cleared. Having vehicles in the street not only delays the clearing of streets but can result in the vehicle being towed.
- Do not shovel or push snow into the street. This practice causes a safety hazard and could cause an accident. Homeowners can be fined for this or be held responsible for an accident.
- Any installation within the right-of-way, including a mailbox and post, is installed at the owner's risk. Residents are encouraged to install mailboxes at the maximum usable distance from the edge of the roadway. The Borough will replace mailboxes or posts that have been struck by the plow, but not those items that are damaged by the force or placement of plowed snow. Mailboxes and posts should be checked for deterioration to reduce the possibility that the weight of plowed snow may break or push the post over.
- If your yard was damaged by a Borough snow plow, please notify the Borough so we can put your yard on our repair list for the spring yard clean-up. Yards generally will not be repaired until spring.

- Any damage to vehicles caused by snow and/or cinders from the plow truck are not the responsibility of the Borough. This is why we ask that vehicles be removed from the streets. Plows must clear streets curb-to-curb for subsequent storms.

The Oxford Borough Public Works Department spends long hours in tough conditions to make the roads as safe as possible. Please cooperate with them and appreciate the fact that they are doing their best to serve the community. To report hazardous conditions, call the Public Works Garage at 610-932-7970. Messages will be checked periodically throughout the storm.

Snow Emergency Routes: All snow emergency routes in the Borough are posted with snow emergency route signs. A snow emergency must be declared by the mayor. In the event of a snow emergency no parking will be permitted along the snow emergency route until the snow emergency has been lifted. Any vehicles parked along the snow emergency routes are subject to towing at the vehicle owner's expense. Snow emergencies will be broadcast over several local media outlets including local radio and television stations. It is the vehicle owner's responsibility to know when a snow emergency has been declared.

(Undedicated Streets: Please note the Borough does not remove snow and ice from undedicated streets.)