

Declaration of Snow Emergency

Due to the impending winter storm event that is anticipated to bring accumulations of 6-10" of snow, rain, and wind gusts up to 30 mph, Lower Saucon Township will be declaring a Snow Emergency effective at 7 p.m. February 8, 2013 until further notice.

What is a Snow Emergency?

Unlike other municipalities, generally boroughs and cities who need to declare a "snow emergency" to have parked cars moved to clear their streets of snow, given Lower Saucon Township's rural character, our Public Works Department can clear all 87 miles of our Township roads without any need of parking or driving restrictions on these roads. The declaration of an "emergency" by the Township Manager during some of these snow events is done solely to extend the driving hours of our snow plow operators so they can continue clearing and salting our roads and streets. There are several ordinance requirements that assist the Township's snow removal operations:

- Ordinance No. 2011-11 which was adopted in 2011 restricts parking in all 135 of the Township's cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets during the periods when Public Works is removing snow or ice. Please cooperate and move your car so we can clear these areas as quickly as possible.
- The Township Code (Section 140-17) requires residents with sidewalks to clear them of snow & ice within 36 hours of the snowfall
- Snow that is pushed or plowed into the roadway can be deemed an unsafe obstruction and the police can issue a citation to the resident who could also be liable for the cost of removing the obstruction
- Our volunteer fire companies ask residents with fire hydrants near their properties to assist them by clearing ice and snow from around these hydrants.

For further information, please review the Township Snow Removal Policy at: www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/snowremoval.pdf