

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP

SURVIVING THE SNOW

TIPS FROM:
Marlboro Township
Office of Emergency Management
Department of Public Works
FEMA, Red Cross

NEVER TOUCH DOWNED LINES!

REPORT DANGER
TO THE POLICE
ALWAYS DIAL

9-1-1

IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY

RESOURCES

Marlboro Police
1-732-536-0100

911– for emergency

Marlboro Police Tip Line
1-888-536-1010

www.marlbropd.org

American Red Cross, NJ

1-732-493-9100

www.redcross.org/nj

FEMA

1-800-621-FEMA

(1-800-621-3362)

www.ready.gov

TO REPORT
POWER OUTAGES:
CALL JCP&L

1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877)

Dear Neighbor,

I am pleased to include our Surviving the Snow brochure in our calendar arriving to homes every winter. It is a continuation of Plan and Prepare included within previous annual mailings and available on the Marlboro Township Website. Unpredictable weather conditions and unusual snow fall has become a regular part of New Jersey winters and this brochure offers tips and information on Surviving the Snow whether it is an early November light powder, a mid December ice storm or a late March heavy slush.

Our Department of Public Works is on the job day and night when expecting severe weather of any kind, with countless hours of prep before, and time in the field during and after a snow event. Snow is challenging and Marlboro Township has been a leader in keeping over 200 miles of roadway clear and safe. Our bagged leaf program has been initiated due to recent weather patterns where wind, rain and snow have impacted collection dates, spreading leaves on the roads and neighboring properties as well as blocking storm drains resulting in flooding, icing and road hazards. Your safety is our first concern.

We are fortunate to have volunteer 1st Aid Squads, Fire Departments and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), as well as a Police Department that is always ready to assist. For non-emergency situations, please call Marlboro Police at 732-536-0100. Always dial 911 for emergencies. Be assured that if you have an emergency, our teams will get to you, even if your street or driveway has yet to be cleared.

Please help by following the tips provided here, keeping informed and helping your friends and neighbors to do the same. Visit our website and register to receive news by phone, email and follow us on social media. If you do not have a computer you may register your phones by calling (732) 536-0100 ext. 1412.

Together as a community, we can weather any storm.

Mayor Jon Hornik

SNOW REMOVAL RULES

- No debris, including leaves, brush, garbage cans, basketball hoops shall be left in road. Anything in the road during snow event impedes Township's ability to clear streets, increases risk of damage to property and jeopardizes safety of equipment operators.
- When snow is on the way, all vehicles and obstructions must be removed from the roadways.
- Snow may not be shoveled, blown or plowed into the roadways.

SNOW REMOVAL FACTS

- Marlboro is 32.5 square miles and DPW is responsible for clearing over 200 miles of roadway. Private contractors are also secured.
- Roads are generally treated with de-icing agents two times during one storm event, prior to and following snow removal.
- DPW opens roads on the first pass and then plows curb- to-curb.
- In the event of 4 inches of snowfall, it takes approximately 10 hours to complete one circuit through the Township.

SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

- Wait until DPW has made one pass before clearing driveway.
- Parking vehicles in your driveway gives you less snow to remove and a drier surface.
- Arrange cars so that the first car that has to get out is the last parked in your driveway.
- When clearing snow, where possible, pile the snow to the right of the driveway (looking out to the street from your house).
- The United States Postal Service asks customers to clear enough snow from their mailboxes to allow mail trucks to approach the box, deliver the mail and drive away.
- Fire hydrants located on your property should be cleared of snow to prevent the lines from freezing and allow access in case of fire.
- To report a mailbox damaged during snow removal activities, please notify DPW via email publicworks@marlboro-nj.gov.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Marlboro Township is 32.5 square miles and our Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for over 200 miles of roads. This does not include State and County roads or roads in private developments.

Roads are treated twice during a storm event; before and after melt and re-freeze, and may be treated a third time if over 24 hours.

It takes about 10 hours for DPW to clear a 4" snowfall. More snow takes proportionately more time. For example, it will take about 20 hours to clear an 8" snowstorm.

All vehicles and any obstruction must be removed from the street to allow for snowplow access.

Do not shovel or blow snow into roadway. This causes a hazardous condition and is a violation of Marlboro Township Ordinances.

Parking on driveway will decrease the amount of snow to shovel and allow for a drier surface when pulling out. Park vehicles on your driveway so that the first car that has to get out is the last one parked.

Property Damage, such as basketball hoops, hockey nets, potted plants, etc. that are damaged during snow removal are NOT the responsibility of Marlboro Township. Remove such items prior to snow fall. If Damage to your Mailbox occurs during plowing, please call Public Works at 732-536-0188.

Please be aware that snowplows will deposit snow at the end of your driveway. As plows drive by, snow will fall into an empty space. To lessen the volume, wait to shovel or leave 4 feet of snow at end of your driveway until after the snowplows have completed at least one pass.

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AT 1-888-LIGHTSS**

Freezing Rain - Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, roads, walkways, trees and power lines.

Sleet - Rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet causes roads to become slippery.

Winter Weather Advisory - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous.

Winter Storm Watch - A winter storm is possible in your area. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for more information.

Winter Storm Warning - A winter storm is occurring or will soon occur in your area.

Blizzard Warning - Sustained winds or frequent gusts to at least 35 miles per hour, falling or blowing snow, reduced visibility conditions lasting 3 or more hours.

Frost/Freeze Warning - Below freezing temperatures are expected.

CHECK YOUR CAR

Check or have a mechanic check your car: Antifreeze levels, battery and ignition system, brakes, exhaust system (carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning), fuel (a full tank prevents fuel line from freezing), air filters, heater and defrost, lights and hazards, oil (heavier oils may congeal in cold and may not lubricate as well), thermostat, Windshield wipers, good winter tires - (consider chains or studded snow tires). **Have on hand:** scraper, portable shovel, sand and/or salt, snacks, boots, warm gloves, car lock de-icer.

KNOW THE TERMS

SUPPLY YOUR HOME

Before winter approaches, add these supplies to your emergency kit and assure that these are accessible in extreme snow conditions:

Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency for a complete list of recommended products.

Sand to improve traction.

Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.

Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.

Adequate Clothing and Blankets for warmth.

Water Proof Gloves and Boots on hand.

Weather Sealing Tape to temporarily address drafts or broken windows due to storm damage.

Flash Lights, Batteries and Portable Chargers in case of power outage.

It is critical to STAY INFORMED

Information is available through a variety of electronic options including Email Notices, Swift 911, Facebook and Twitter. Please visit our website at www.marlboro-nj.gov and submit your email in the blue box. Follow the link to Communications for Residents for all options. Consider any or all of these forms of communication which can be registered for using this one easy link. Paperless options are an immediate, cost effective and environmentally sustainable way of communicating with our residents. By providing a variety of communication methods it is our goal to be able to communicate with every resident even when some lines of communication are disrupted during weather emergencies.



MARLBORO TOWNSHIP
EMAIL ALERTS
&
RESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP POLICE WEBSITE: <http://www.marlboropd.org/>

PLAN AHEAD! go to: www.firstenergycorp.com/help/communication_tools.html for ways to report issues and receive updates.