

Do you know which roads in Rapho Township are owned and maintained by the Township? During winter weather you will see our trucks salting and plowing over 96 miles of roads. But there are many State and privately owned roads that are maintained by others. If you're not sure whether your road is a Township, State, or private, check out the Township website for a full list. Questions about State roads should be directed to PennDOT's maintenance office at 717-299-7622.

State – 717-299-7622	Private
Back Run Road	Alcott Drive
Cider Press Road	Authority Drive – M.J. Pump Station
East Main Street	Autumn Leaf Lane
Elizabethtown Road	Baldwin Way
Hossler Road	Black Terrace
Kinderhook Road	Bradley Drive
Lebanon Road	Cantebury Drive
Longenecker Road	Check Drive
Meadow View – 2205 to 3647	Connie Drive
Milton Grove Road	Creighton Drive
Mount Joy Road	Crestwyke Circle
Mount Pleasant Road	Crystal Drive
Mountain Road	Deer Run
Old Harrisburg Pike	Emerson Drive
Old Line Road	Engle Lane
Pinch Road – 2600 to 3174	Erb's Woods
	Fence Row Lane
	Glory Way
	Hawthorne Lane
	James Way
	Jamesfield Place
	Lancaster Estates
	Lehman Road
	Maibach Lane
	Mansion House Road
	Mitch Drive
	Oakwood Lane
	Orville Lane
	Ridgewood Manor
	Rolling Hills Estates
	Sonora Lane
	Sutherland Lane
	Thoreau Drive
	Tumblestone Drive
	Walden Way
	Wert Lane
	Woodcrest Court

We know winter weather can be unsettling to drive in and our Public Works Crew works tirelessly around the clock when necessary to keep the roads as passable as possible. Our Public Works Director is out during the early mornings and overnight hours assessing conditions on the 96 miles the Township maintains (which is the equivalent of 1,689 football fields).

When we are salting and plowing, each member of our Public Works Department is assigned a designated snow route so we can spread out and clear the roads as quick as possible. We have some individual subcontractors that help us in their own vehicles when conditions are really severe. In our rural areas where there are open fields, drifting can be a huge problem even when the snow is not that deep. In strong winds, the snow drifts across the road as there are no buildings to block any amount of wind coming over the fields. Depending on the rate of snowfall and the strength of the wind, we might plow a road open and it will drift shut almost immediately. Traffic passing over the drifted snow packs it down hard, and the slight melting on the surface from vehicles passing creates a slick of ice on top of the packed snow. These conditions are truly the worst-case scenario for snow removal and adding salt on top of this mix does not improve it. Our Public Works Crew will continue to complete their full routes, and by the time they return to their starting point, it may seem as though they had never come through. Please avoid traveling on snowy roads when you can and be patient while you wait for our crew to get through their routes.

Rapho Township is the largest municipality in Lancaster County, and our 47 square miles stretch from the Turnpike in the north to Columbia in the south. Our trucks hold tons of salt, but they must all be reloaded at the Township building. Managing snowstorms is one of the most difficult tasks we handle, and we are grateful for our residents' cooperation as we get the job done.

As we posted before, here are a few reminders during winter weather:

- Do not attempt to pass salt or plow trucks, even when they are moving slowly.
- Avoid parking on the street, if possible.
- Clear an area ahead of your driveway opening to allow the snowplow to unload before it reaches the driveway opening. Plows cannot be lifted at driveways.
- Be aware that snow removal continues after precipitation has stopped as we work to widen the cleared area.
- Do not throw, blow, or plow snow into the street.
- Remove snow and ice from the sidewalk along your property within 24 hours after precipitation has stopped.
- Clear snow from fire hydrants near your property.

As always if you don't need to go out once you are at home, please stay home. This makes it safer and easier for our Public Works crew to do their job. Happy winter!