

**INTRODUCTION:**

The objective of the Borough of Oceanport Snow Ready Plan is to provide winter roadway safety to the traveling public in the most reasonable, efficient and effective manner. To that end, the Borough has developed a comprehensive plan, involving all Borough Departments, with the Oceanport Board of Education.

The plan details the various responsibilities for each department, describes the emergency storm conditions and the actions to be taken based on those conditions, describes the possible methods the public works has to combat the snow/ice, and providing information to the public.

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

The National Incident Management System has been adopted by the Borough of Oceanport by resolution and it's use is mandated by the various borough agencies. During weather events, the Incident Command System is implemented to coordinate the various activities.

**PRESENT ORDINANCES:**

**A. 64-7:** Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the streets, no person shall be parked on the streets or parts of streets. The above parking prohibition shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

**B. 64-37:** In accordance with the provisions of § 64-7, no person shall park a vehicle upon any Borough street, or part of street, when snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street; (the within restriction does not apply to federal, state, county or Borough personnel who are in the process of performing emergency services.)

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Location</b>
Asbury Avenue	Entire length
Bridgewaters Drive	Entire length
Cayuga Avenue	Entire length
Comanche Drive	Entire length

East Main Street	Entire length
Elizabeth Drive	Entire length
Itaska Place	Entire length
Main Street	Entire length
Milton Avenue	Entire length
Pemberton Avenue	Entire length
Pocono Avenue	Entire length
Port-Au-Peck Avenue	Entire length
Relwof Avenue	Entire length
Seneca Place	Entire length
Shrewsbury Avenue	From Branchport Avenue to the easterly terminus
South Pemberton Avenue	Entire length
Werah Place	Entire length
Wolfhill Avenue	Entire length

**C. 261-9. Responsibility of owners, tenants and other principals.**

It shall be the duty of the owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or person in charge of any structure to keep and cause to be kept the sidewalk and curb abutting the building or structure free from obstructions or nuisances of every kind, and to keep sidewalks, areaways, backyards, courts and alleys free from litter.

All other laws, State and Local, apply as described to those situations.

**STORM ROAD CONDITIONS**

A six condition road advisory list has been developed in order to systematically advise the public of road conditions, expected travel time and, when necessary, emergency procedures that must be followed.

**Condition 1**

Travel unrestricted on all main roads. Secondary roads could have occasional snow or ice. Parking is prohibited on streets and thoroughfares. Use extra caution when using side streets. Minimum effect on commuting time.

**Condition 2**

Travel unrestricted on all main roads with occasional snow or ice. Conditions are poor on secondary streets with frequent snow or ice that could result in loss of traction. Parking is prohibited on streets and thoroughfares. Use extra caution in all travel. Commuting time may be affected.

**Condition 3**

Expect moderately hazardous snow and/or ice on most roads with reduction in ability to travel. Secondary streets are covered with snow or ice and are extremely hazardous. Parking is prohibited on streets and thoroughfares. Avoid unnecessary trips. Commuting time will be doubled.

**Condition 4**

All roads are snow covered and very slick and hazardous. Serious reduction in ability to travel. Parking is prohibited on streets and thoroughfares. Travel should be avoided if at all possible and then only if vehicle has snow tires or chains. Commuting time will be doubled.

**Condition 5**

A State of Emergency exists and has been declared by the Emergency Management Coordinator. Conditions warrant snow plowing and or removal. Parking is prohibited on streets and thoroughfares. Specific condition reports will be issued for the duration of the emergency. Commuting time will be severely affected. All unnecessary travel should be avoided.

**Condition 6**

A State of Emergency exists and has been declared by the Emergency Management Coordinator. Conditions warrant snow plowing and or removal. Parking is prohibited on streets and thoroughfares. Specific condition reports will be issued for the duration of the emergency. Commuting time will be severely affected. Travel is prohibited except for emergencies and/or essential personnel.

**PREPARATIONS**

All Borough Departments will be required to make advance preparations to handle the eventually of a storm. In general, all equipment, vehicles and staff from all departments are made ready for the weather event.

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)**

The primary SNOW EOC is at Borough Hall/Police Headquarters; the secondary SNOW EOC at Oceanport Hook and Ladder.

Most activity can be and has been handled by the primary SNOW EOC at Borough Hall/Police Headquarters in conjunction with the Police Office area in the trailers.

## **SNOWREADY OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

To provide information on a snow event, the Borough has the following capabilities to relay information to the public.

***Telephone: Borough Offices 732-222-8221 and 732-222-8179***

Borough Office staff and Community Emergency Response Team members will provide information and direct public concerns to the proper department. This office will be staffed during normal daytime hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Additional hours to 11PM or as early as 6AM will be instituted as the need is determined. This operation is intended to take the large volume of calls that might be placed to Borough emergency services numbers for information or snow operation complaints.

### ***Code Red Notification System***

Internet and/or telephone driven notification for messages Borough wide or a specific locations within town.

### ***Oceanport Borough and Oceanport School Web-sites***

Both have emergency access to get information out to the public.

### ***Oceanport Emergency Radio System***

1610 AM is the radio frequency for the Oceanport Emergency Radio System. Pre-programmed messages and the ability to do ad hoc messages are a part of the system. Connection is via a telephone line to the system located at the HVAC building at Monmouth Park. The capability to place messages on the system when phone lines are down may be done from the Monmouth Park site. The system is primarily used to advise the motoring public of weather, traffic conditions and special/ emergency events. Residents would require an external antenna to pickup the transmission.

### ***Oceanport Emergency Alerting System***

The Borough wide six poled speaker system may also be used to get information out to the public with prerecorded messages or by using the PA system function. This system is primarily used for alerting people presently outside, but may be used during an emergency regardless of the time.

### ***Public Media***

Information may also be transmitted via local TV channels, Radio, newspapers. In addition, New Jersey offers the latest information on Traffic Conditions at NJ511

NJ511 is a free phone and web service that consolidates traffic and transportation information into a one-stop resource for commuters and motorists in the Garden State. It provides up-to-the-minute traffic conditions and its

available seven days a week, 365 days a year. With it, motorists can access information about accidents, incidents, and unusual delays on Interstate and State highways, the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway. In addition, NJ511 broadcasts Amber alerts and other emergency messages.

The Google Maps based web page was designed to complement the NJ511 telephone service. It provides an easy, user friendly way for commuters to see where incidents, accidents, congestion and events like weather and construction are happening before they leave their office or home. The functionality on the Web site enables you to set custom views, access the current wait time at bridges and tunnels in the New York metropolitan area, view select roadways and search the site for traffic incidents, among other things.

Traffic and travel information offered on the NJ511 web site and phone service is managed by a partnership of public agencies led by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, New Jersey State Police, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Additional data is provided by traffic monitoring devices such as traffic cameras and travel time sensors. Local law enforcement agencies, fire departments and emergency medical technicians also contribute information for the NJ511 system.

## **PLANS FOR SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL**

As soon as snow begins to lay or ice begins to form on the streets, creating hazardous driving conditions, the Borough of Oceanport will place or progress with one of three plans.

### **PLAN A: Snow and Ice Treatment**

1. Snow amounts are projected to be less than 4 inches
2. Road Conditions 1 or 2 are most likely present.
3. Department of Public Works (DPW) begins treating the roadways as necessary, in accordance to their route schedule.
4. No Parking

### **Plan B: Plowing**

When it becomes necessary to plow snow:

1. Snow amounts are projected to be greater than 4 inches, but less than 18 inches with no drifting or minimal wind gusts
2. Road Conditions 1-4 are present
3. The Department of Public Works and /or private contractors will plow roadways when necessary in accordance to the route schedule.
4. No parking

## **Plan C: Snow Removal**

When it becomes necessary to remove snow:

1. Snow Amounts are projected to be greater than 12 inches and a potential for drifting snow and or wind gusts. Blizzard conditions may be present.
2. Road Conditions 4-6 are present
3. The Department of Public Works and /or private contractors will plow or remove snow from roadways when necessary in accordance to the route schedule.
4. No parking

### **Applying Chemicals and Plowing**

There are two aspects to a snow operation:

1. Applying chemicals and
2. Plowing

When roads start to freeze from falling precipitation, chemicals will begin being applied to priority roads and continue until all roads are complete or until it is no longer effective to apply chemicals, due to the depth of the snow. The more traffic on the roads, the more effective the chemicals. As a result, sometimes residential streets with small amounts of traffic may appear as not to have been treated.

Please keep in mind that as the temperature drops, the chemicals become less effective. Once the temperature drops below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, chemicals become ineffective. If a snowfall accumulates and plowing is required, applying chemicals operations cease. When the snow stops and the final plowing has been accomplished on all roads, chemicals are again spread on all the roads. All roads are monitored for icy spots and chemicals are re-applied where dangerous conditions exist.

### **Why Some Roads are Cleared Before Others**

As snow begins to accumulate, the Borough of Oceanport concentrates on certain roads (Port-au-Peck Ave, Comanche Dr., Main St., East Main St., etc.). These roads are focused on first because of their significance in travel throughout the Borough. As the snow keeps falling, the Borough's first priority is to keep the main roads open and passable. As soon as all major streets within the Borough are clear enough for travel, equipment is immediately moved into residential areas.