



Limerick Township PWD Winter Operations Process

Snow and ice control is one of the most integral functions of the Public Works Department. Adverse weather conditions dictate that the roadways be monitored around the clock. Our department is on call during all non-working hours, including weekends and holidays to ensure that activities of the community do not come to a halt.

Road crews plow and salt approximately 195 lane miles of roadway including 30 miles of State (PennDOT) highways. De-icing will take care of most small storms but when ***3 or more inches of snow fall plowing operations begin.*** During heavy snowfall multiple plow passes must be made, heavy winds put crews on a rotating shift to keep drifts from closing roads.

As you might imagine, this is an enormous undertaking. The department's fleet consists of 13 trucks, which salt and plow, and 3 trucks, which plow only.



The Township is divided into 4 geographic sectors and each sector has several plow routes. Constant radio communication is maintained between all units and results in a coordinated team effort wherever and whenever necessary.

Every attempt is made to dispatch units before roads start to freeze, during heavy snowfall roads are sometimes salted several times before plowing operations begin. In general, plowing only begins after 3 inches has accumulated on the roads.