

South Franklin Township Snow Plowing and Salting Procedure

The Township Supervisors and Office have received a good many calls regarding snow removal in their area on January 12th. We want you to know that the Road Crew started at 4:00am on the 12th and plowed and salted for approximately 12 hours. During that period they need to replenish the truck's salt supply, put gas in the truck, and take a quick break for coffee and a snack to keep themselves fueled. At some point during this time they also need to eat a full meal. All of that adds to the time it takes to plow and salt approximately 39 miles of roads (which is actually 78 miles of road since each road has to have each lane cleared). On the 12th we had an early morning snow, and as the day progressed, we had two whiteout snowstorms, one around 1:00pm and another about 3:00pm. Which means the Road Crew didn't just plow and salt 39 miles of roads, they almost tripled that number because with each snow the roads piled up and winds caused snow drifts on quite a few roads. Therefore, it is quite possible that your road was plowed and salted in the early morning and possibly not again until 3:00pm or later because of on-going snow. So their day is pretty continuous with plowing and salting. When their 12 hour driving shift is over they are required to take at least an 8 hour break to get some sleep, which our Road Crew did. On January 13th, the Road Crew was back on the roads in the early morning to continue plowing and applying cinders to most of the roads due to the snow and ice melting. The Supervisors believe we have one of the best Road Crews in all of Washington County. You must understand there are only 4 members on the Road Crew to clear the roads multiple times throughout the day. They will continue to do their very best to keep the roads passable during snowstorms.

We ask that during snow events please do not park on any roadways in the Township. Parked vehicles interfere with the plowing and salting process creating issues. To avoid these gaps in service please do not park on any Township roads. Also, our Road Foreman is in direct contact with the McGuffey School District Transportation Director to advise him on the condition of the roads in the Township. Lastly, we also ask that if you have any issues with the plowing and salting process to please contact the Township immediately so we can address and remedy the situation. Please call 724-225-4828 or 724-225-4883. Thank you for your attention.