

D.P.W. WINTER NEWSLETTER

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The Department of Public Works is divided into six divisions to best suit the needs of the Borough of Paramus. While Recycling/ Sanitation, Sewer, Road and the Quality of Life divisions take center stage for the residents day to day life, the Mechanical and Building and Grounds divisions work behind the scenes making sure all Borough vehicles and buildings are maintained and functioning to the best of their abilities.

The Sanitation/Recycling division work Monday through Friday collecting trash/recycling/brush and grass throughout the town. While trash is divided between the North and South ends of town, recycling is broken up into sections spread over the 5 weekdays.

If you are unsure which day your collection would be, please contact our office.

The Road division maintains the town roadways filling potholes, checking storm drains, sweeping the streets, collecting leaves, clearing snow and paving roadways.

The Sewer division maintains the 6 sanitary pump stations in town as well as the main sewer lines. They also monitor grease traps at the local businesses.

Quality of Life works mainly weekends to make sure everything in town is up to residents top standards! If there are any code violations they make sure they get enforced. All our divisions work together to ensure the town can run smoothly. Our department does everything we can to create a safe environment for all our residents. If you see something that may have been missed please never hesitate to let us know!

We can be reached at 201-265-2100 ext. 3100 Monday through Friday from 7am to 4:30pm.

Our office is located at 1 Jockish Square across from the main Borough Hall. Look for the DPW logo on our door!



Recycling Center

The center is open to the public for self service 24/7! We accept recycling items only. This includes paper, cardboard, metal, electronics, commingled materials, rigid plastic, cooking/motor oil, Styrofoam and there are even bins for clothes and books donations. Attendants are available to assist Monday through Saturday during the following hours:

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 7am—3pm

Wednesday 7am—6pm

Saturday 10am—4pm

Senior Bus

Paramus offers transportation to seniors aged 55 and over who live in town. The bus goes to many of the local food stores as well as Paramus Park, Bergen Town Center and the Senior Center on Farview Avenue. The bus runs Monday through Friday between the hours of 7am and 4pm. We are wheelchair accessible. If interested, you must fill out registration forms which can be sent upon request or picked up from our office.

For more information please contact us at 201-265-2100 ext. 3150.

Summer hours and locations are subject to change!



Snow Removal

The Borough of Paramus Road division is the primary force in snow removal. During snow emergencies it is all hands on deck and every department will assist. The DPW makes every effort to clear the roads as soon as possible for safe traveling. During the snow fall months, we are responsible for clearing 120 miles of Borough roads of snow and/or ice in a safe and efficient manner with priority given to the health and safety of Borough residents and traveling public. Each snowplow is assigned a specific section to plow and will remain in that section until all roadways have been cleared. This sometimes requires the plows to make multiple passes on each street. As snow begins to fall, the trucks salt the roads up to approximately an inch of snow. Salt is effective up to 22 degrees Fahrenheit. After the temperature falls below that threshold it becomes ineffective. Once there is enough snow, plowing will begin.

As a reminder:

- * ***During snow removal, snow may be pushed onto sidewalks or into driveways. This is not intentional in any way!***
- * ***It is recommended to leave the last six feet of your driveway un-shoveled until all plowing operations have ceased or understand trucks may pass again.***
- * ***Borough ordinance §383-26 requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours after every snowfall.***
- * ***Borough ordinance §419-15.1 prohibits any kind of obstruction in the street. This includes basketball hoops which can cause damage to our plow trucks, prevent us from plowing or be damaged themselves in the event of snow coverage.***
- * ***Parking on Borough streets is prohibited during any emergency snow operation.***
- * ***Keep all garbage and recycling cans out of the streets. Snowfall over 3 inches may result in cancellation of trash/recycling collections.***
- * ***Please do not pass snow plows during any emergency snow operation.***
- * ***Clear snow from fire hydrants nearest your home or property.***
- * ***Any plow damage to mailboxes must be reported.***
- * ***It is unlawful to throw, place or dispose of any snow or ice upon any portion of any street, highway or roadway—this can cause hazardous driving conditions and property owners are responsible for accidents that may result from this.***

Once the snow has ended, plow trucks will clear the roadways from curb to curb. This will allow water to drain into the storm drains.



§419-29 Designation of snow emergency no-parking areas.

- A. ***Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street or highway, no vehicle shall be parked on any streets or parts thereof in the Borough.***
[Amended 10-10-2011 by Ord. No. 11-25]
- B. ***The above parking prohibitions 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.***

