

## Venango Township and PennDOT Issue Reminder to Keep Snow off of All Roadways

With the winter season in full swing, Venango Township and PennDOT are reminding residents of guidelines for shoveling or plowing snow around all roadways to help ensure safe travel through the season.

Maintaining safe and passable roads is our top priority when dealing with winter weather. To help meet that need, residents are urged not to shovel snow onto any roads that have already been plowed. Snow should not be shoveled onto any roadway as this can increase the potential for crashes, and property owners can be held liable for any resulting crashes.

State law requires citizens to use and maintain their property in ways that avoid creating hazardous road conditions for others, including not obstructing highway lanes and drainage facilities with snow and ice. Fines can be as high as several hundred dollars.

Venango Township and PennDOT offer the following guidelines for shoveling or plowing snow on property adjacent to any roadways:

- Snow should be shoveled or plowed to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the intersecting roadway (see attached diagram). By piling the snow away from the oncoming direction of the snow plows, the snow will not be pushed back onto the driveway.
- Eliminate snow piles at the property entrance whenever possible. High accumulations of snow can obstruct the vision of motorists, posing a safety hazard.
- Do not push snow onto roadways at any time. This creates a hazardous condition for all vehicles.

For more winter driving tips and information on how PennDOT treats winter storms, visit [www.dot.state.pa.us/winter](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/winter).

Motorists can check road conditions on more than 2,900 miles of state roads by calling 5-1-1 or visiting [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com).

