

GET READY FOR WINTER

Moon Township Winter Services Guide

Moon Township 's winter weather discussions started amid the scorching heat of August when the Board of Supervisors accepted a road salt bid for 2011-2012 winter maintenance services. Public Works crews started their winter season preparations soon after. Now, Moon Township is encouraging residents to get ready for winter by getting familiar with the township 's winter maintenance procedures and tips for a safe winter.

Snow Removal and Winter Maintenance

Throughout the winter, the Moon Township Public Works Department works to keep 280 lane miles of Moon Township roadways passable during unpredictable weather conditions. Crews are on-call 24 hours a day ready to mobilize 11 trucks equipped with spreaders and plows on snow removal routes throughout the township. Three additional trucks stand ready on back-up. Here is a basic guide to the department 's snow removal procedures:

Stocking the Salt Bin

Moon Township locked in a road salt price of \$55.83 per ton from Cargill Inc in August. As a member of the South Hills Area Council of Governments, Moon Township secured the price through the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance, which negotiates competitive project bids for its member municipalities.

Two-Inch Rule

The amount of snow determines the type of road maintenance response. For snowfall below two inches, Public Works crews treat roads with salt or anti-skid materials. Snow plowing operations kick in for snowfall greater than two inches.

Where does Moon Township plow?

Throughout the winter, the Moon Township Public Works Department maintains all township-owned roads and also contracts to plow select state roads and county roads Spring Run Road and Spring Run Road Ext. Private roads and a number of major state roads – including University Boulevard and Flaugherty Run Road – are not maintained by the township. Find a complete list of roadways excepted from Moon Township 's plowing routes on Page 5.

Winter Maintenance

AT A GLANCE

Winter Materials Budget: est. \$360,000

Lane Miles: 280

Average Salt Used: 5,000-7,000 tons

Snow Removal Routes: 11

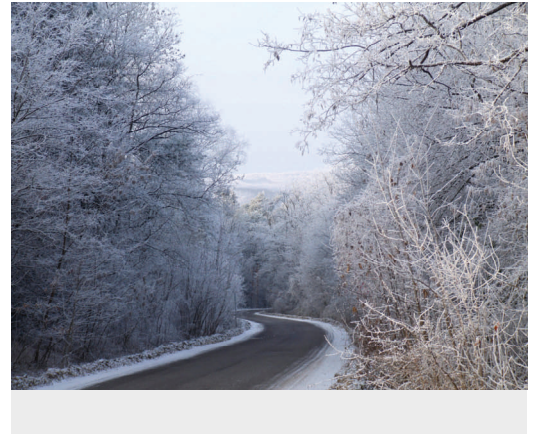
Plow/Spreader Fleet: 14 trucks



Clear the Way for Snow Removal Crews

The Public Works Department appreciates residents' patience and cooperation as they work to keep roads clear amid unpredictable weather conditions. Please remember the following regulations this winter:

- Please do not park vehicles on township roads from 2 to 6 a.m. seven days a week to keep roads clear for emergency vehicles and snow plows. During snow events, on-street parking is discouraged at all times.
- Do not shovel snow into the street from driveways, parking lots or sidewalks. This violates both state law and township ordinance.
- Please assist public safety personnel by clearing snow from fire hydrants in your neighborhood.
- Please remove basketball hoops, hockey nets and other obstructions from roadways, cul-de-sacs and rights-of-way to avoid interfering with winter road maintenance. Also remember to trim tree branches that extend beyond the curb.



Pot Hole Patrol

Throughout the winter, Public Works crews regularly monitor township roads for potholes and make repairs on a rolling basis. To report a pothole on a township-owned roadway, call the Municipal Building at [412-262-1700](tel:412-262-1700). Keep in mind that Moon Township Public Works does not patch potholes on private, county or state roads. Although the township contracts to plow select state and county roads, pothole repairs remain a regular winter maintenance duty handled by the county or state. Moon Township **does not** handle pothole repairs for the following roadways:

Private Roads

Review the list of privately-maintained roadways in Moon Township on Page 5.

Allegheny County Roads

Contact the Allegheny County Public Works Department at [412-350-2513](tel:412-350-2513) to report potholes on county-owned roads Spring Run Road and Spring Run Road Ext. in Moon Township.

State Roads

Report potholes on state-owned roads by calling PennDOT's road maintenance hot line at [1-800-FIX-ROAD](tel:1-800-FIX-ROAD). State-owned roads in Moon Township include major corridors, such as Brodhead Road, Beaver Grade Road, Thorn Run Road, University Boulevard and Business Loop I-376. Review the list of state-maintained roads in Moon Township on Page 5.

Link in to Winter Weather Updates

SwiftReach Reverse 911

Register both home and cell phone numbers to receive local emergency notifications from the Moon Township Police Department. Sign up online at www.moonpolice.us or by phone at 412-262-5000.



PennDOT Road Updates

Check road conditions for interstates and some limited-access highways by calling 511 or visiting www.511pa.com for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's 511PA travel information service.

Cancellations and Delays

Watch [Moon Community Access Television](#), Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOS channel 35, for local cancellations and delays. Announcements and updates also are posted online at www.moontwp.com.

Emergency Shelter Information



During emergency situations, such as the extreme snowstorms of February 2010, the township operates an emergency shelter to provide short-term relief for residents. Moon Township's emergency sheltering location is the [Public Safety Building](#), 1000 Beaver Grade Road, which houses the police and fire departments and is equipped with a back-up generator in case of power outages.

How do I know if a shelter is in operation?

Residents should check for emergency sheltering announcements at www.moontwp.com and in local news reports. Residents also can call the Moon Township Police Department at 412-262-5000. In the event of a township-wide emergency, the Police Department will issue a phone message through the SwiftReach emergency notification system, which residents can register for at www.moonpolice.us or 412-262-5000.

Winter Weather Safety Tips

- Keep an emergency kit in both your home and car and stock it with essentials, including water, food, flashlight, first aid kit, warm clothing, emergency contact information and a battery-powered or hand-crank radio. Find a complete list at redcross.org.
- Avoid driving during winter weather conditions. If travel is necessary, winterize your vehicle and keep the gas tank full.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
- In the event of a winter storm, help neighbors in need of special assistance, such as the elderly, people with disabilities and children.
- Be aware of Carbon Monoxide hazards. Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other fuel-burning devices inside a house garage or any partially-enclosed area.
- Go a designated public shelter if your home loses power or heat during periods of extreme cold.

Source: American Red Cross

SNOW PLOW SAFETY

- Remember that is extremely difficult for snowplow drivers to see children in the street. Never allow children to play or build snow forts on or near the street or in the mounds left by snowplows.
- When driving behind a plow truck, maintain a safe distance to avoid material kickback and allow enough time to come to a safe stop if necessary. According to PennDOT, there is never a "safe" time to pass a snowplow in your car.



Roadways *NOT* maintained by Moon Township

State-Maintained (PennDOT)*

Roadway	Start Point	End Point
Business Loop I-376	I-376	Findlay Township line
Ewing Road Interchange		
Flaugherty Run Road	Findlay Township line	Crescent Township line
Hassam Road	Montour Street	Robinson Township line
Hookstown Grade Road	Ewing Road	Montour Run Expressway
International Drive Interchange		
McGovern Boulevard	Stoops Ferry Road	Crescent Township line
Montour Run Road	I-376	Robinson Township line
Montour Run Road Interchange		
Resurrection Road	Ewing Road Interchange	McClaren Run Road
Route 51	Coraopolis Borough line	Robinson Township line
Sewickley Bridge		
Stoops Ferry Road	University Boulevard	McGovern Boulevard
Thorn Run Road Interchange		
University Boulevard	I-376	Coraopolis Borough line

***Contact:**

PennDOT

Allegheny County Office – District 11-1

412-781-3260

2011-2012 Winter Road Maintenance

Privately-Maintained Roads

Acorn Lane	Cargo Road	Dobe Drive	Grant Drive	Lindbergh Drive	Nike Road	Pine Hill Road	Springwater Court
Abbott Street	Cheltenham Way	Duffy Drive	Gringo Clinton Road	Lunar Lane	North Allerton Court	Polo Club Drive	Springer Drive
Airlane Drive	College Park Drive	Edgetown Road	GSK Drive	Maple Lane	Northrup Court	Port Vue Drive	Tower Road
Airside Drive	Colony West Drive	Eisenborn Road	Horizon Drive	Marjorie Lane	Oakes Place	Riders Way	Valentine Drive
Anna Mae Drive	Country Lane	Elm Lane	Iris Lane	Marshall Avenue	Oakwood Road	Sanlin Drive	Veranda Lane
Ascot Court	Crestview Drive	Evergreen Lane	John's Ridge Road	McClafferty Lane	Olde Stable Lane	Santa Anna Drive	Westwind Drive
Autumn Woods Drive	Crooked Lane	Forest Green Drive	Kings Lane	Mercury Drive	Owens Road	Scenic Court	Wiltshire Drive
Blake Ct.	Crystal Lake Lane	Fox Path	Kris Drive	Mustang Drive	Parish Place	Scott Road	
Blue Ridge Drive	Curry Court	Franklin Place	Lakeview Drive	Myers Lane	Park Manor Boulevard	Seibert Way	
Bray Lane	Defense Avenue	Gatehouse Drive	Landing Lane	Myrtle Drive	Pillar Drive	Sherwood Court	
Bridle Trail	Diamond Drive	Gibson Drive	Laurel Drive	Newton Square Drive	Pine Acre Lane	Soldiers Lane	
Brookside Lane							

2011-2012 Winter Road Maintenance

In addition to the roadways above, Moon Township Public Works also **does not** maintain the following private developments:

- Moon Area School properties
- Robert Morris University properties
- All roadways in the following housing developments:
 - Autumn Woods*
 - Cherrington Manor*
 - Crosswinds*
 - Foxwood Knoll
 - McCormick Farms*

**Individual roadways in these developments also are listed in the above chart.*