



Borough of Chambersburg

*A full service municipality in Franklin County
celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service
over 120 years of community electric and a
regional wastewater, water, and municipal solid waste utility*

Snow Rules

- Crews will be called out under two circumstances: to lay down salt and cinders for icy or slippery conditions or to plow snow. Snow plowing is generally ineffective until 2 inches of snow has fallen although after 1 inch, if plows are already out, they may drop their plows.
- In general, Chambersburg Borough offices remain open normal hours during storms. However, many office employees will take leave time during inclement weather so it may take longer to process utility transactions or get service calls addressed.
- Crews work on the Borough owned major streets, such as Stouffer, Orchard, Walker, Norland, etc. as a priority. They only address secondary streets once major streets are passable. Alleys are often neglected until the end. Further, there are also many state-owned roads in Chambersburg that are cleared by crews from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation such as Main Street, Second Street, Scotland, Loudon, College, Queen Street, Wayne Avenue, and Lincoln Way.
- Remember, the policy in Chambersburg, where so many cars park on the street, is to clear only the cartway; to push the snow out of the center of each street and leave a clear travel lane in the center for emergency vehicles. We do not plow curb to curb. We do not generally clean parking spaces.
- The Borough or our contractors may clear downtown parking lots and parking spaces but usually 24 to 48 hours after a storm; and, is based on how much snow accumulated.
- The Borough does not declare snow emergencies because we do not institute on street parking bans like other towns. Many residents cannot move their cars. However, we may declare travel advisories.
- Be careful when attempting to dig out driveways, cars or your sidewalks. Do not stand in front of traffic.
- Remember, you are prohibited from throwing snow back into the street. Keep snow off the streets.
- Also, as for sidewalks, you will have at minimum of 24 hours *from the end of the storm* to attempt to clear all sidewalks before Borough inspectors hit the street to insure they have been cleared. Inspectors take photos of all sidewalks that fail inspections. Citizens can challenge these tickets by requesting a hearing before the District Magistrate Judge, usually in the spring.
- During bad weather, please do not attempt to drive or travel unless you are an emergency responder or work in an essential job category.
- Whether the Chambersburg Area School District is open or delayed is a decision made by the district and not the Borough.
- The Chambersburg Police also remind citizens that the public street is open to the public. Just because you dig out a parking space, does not mean you can reserve it with a lawn chair or other obstruction. You cannot place obstructions into the public street. Call the police non-emergency number to complain about such obstructions: (717) 264-4131.

For all customer service questions regarding plowing and snow removal call the Borough's customer service center at (717) 263-4111

Chambersburg is a unique community. Pennsylvania's only municipal natural gas utility, owned and operated by the citizens of the Borough; Chambersburg is also Pennsylvania's largest municipal electric utility, and the only one that owns and operates generation stations. Chambersburg provides natural gas, electricity, water, sewer and trash for the residents and business throughout most of the Borough. Under local control, rates, policies, etc., and decided by Chambersburg Town Council. Chambersburg currently has 20,508 residents (2013). www.chambersburgpa.gov