



Jenkintown Borough

Snow Emergency information and responsibilities.

Based on the Jenkintown Borough emergency guidelines, the Mayor makes this declaration in concert with the following key officials and departments to ensure a coordinated response:

- **Borough Emergency Management Coordinator:** To align the declaration with broader regional safety protocols.
- **Police Department:** To manage traffic enforcement, towing on emergency routes, and public safety.
- **Public Works Department:** To coordinate the salting and plowing of public "cartways" and streets. Clearing and anti-ice treatment of Borough owned sidewalks.

This collaborative approach is codified under PA State Borough Code Title 8, Chapter 10A and local [Jenkintown Borough Ordinances](#).

Once the Snow Emergency has been declared the following Responsibilities and Codes apply.

Borough Responsibilities

Road Maintenance

Jenkintown Public Works is responsible for salting and plowing all public cartways and streets to maintain safe passage for emergency vehicles.

Downed Trees & Obstructions

- **Street Clearing:** Public Works will move fallen trees off the road to keep routes open for emergency vehicles.
- **Private Property:** If a tree falls from your yard into the street, the Borough will move it to the curb, but they **will not** haul it away.
- **Disposal:** Property owners are responsible for the final cutting and disposal of their own trees.

Sidewalks on Borough property

Will be shoveled and treated w/ anti-ice agent within 24 hours after the end of the snow event.

Public Parking Lots

Will be plowed, shoveled and treated with anti-ice agent after the public cartways and streets have been plowed and within 24 hours after the end of a snow event.

Emergency Parking

During a declaration, the Borough provides free parking at the Leedom Street municipal lot (between Pioneer Fire Co. and the VFW) for residents who must move cars from emergency routes.

Enforcement

While every reasonable effort will be made to gain voluntary compliance, the Jenkintown Police Department is authorized to issue citations for uncleared sidewalks and order the towing of vehicles blocking travel lanes should that occur. (Jenkintown Code § 156-32).

Upon the declaration of a snow or ice emergency the Jenkintown Police Department is authorized to remove any vehicle parked upon any public street or highway, designated as a snow emergency route, or in a fire zone in violation of the terms and provisions of this chapter or any temporary regulation promulgated under the authority hereof. Such vehicle shall be removed to a garage or other place of safety. The registered owner of said vehicle shall be promptly notified in writing of the fact of the removal and of the place to which said vehicle has been taken. The owner of such vehicle shall be responsible for any and all towing and storage charges. (Jenkintown Code § 85-9)

Snow emergency routes established.

Upon the declaration of a snow or ice emergency, and in compliance with Jenkintown Code 89-7 the following streets shall be designated snow emergency routes, and it shall be unlawful, during the period of such emergency for any person to park a motor vehicle or tractor or to allow the same to be parked on any such streets until the entire street is cleared of snow or ice or to operate any such motor vehicle or tractor on any such streets or portion thereof unless such vehicle or tractor shall be equipped with adequate equipment to provide sufficient traction to keep such vehicle or tractor in motion so that other traffic on such streets will not be blocked or seriously impeded. (Jenkintown Code § 85-7)

West Avenue: Summit Avenue to Washington Lane, **Walnut Street:** Washington Lane to Railroad Bridge, **Summit Avenue:** West Avenue to York Road, **Greenwood Avenue:** Cedar Street to Washington Lane, **Leedom Street:** West Avenue to Summit Avenue.

Resident Responsibilities

General Street Parking If you have a driveway, please use it. If parking on a non-emergency route, park as close to the curb as possible to allow plow trucks and emergency vehicles to pass safely.

Parking on Emergency Routes Parking is prohibited on designated Snow Emergency Routes until the street is cleared. While all reasonable measures will be taken to gain compliance, violators could be subject to towing and fines. (Jenkintown Code § 85-7)

Sidewalk Clearing All property owners, tenants, and occupants must clear a path at least 3 feet wide on all adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours after snow stops falling. (Jenkintown Code § 156-31)

No Snow Dumping It is illegal to shovel, plow, or push snow from private property into any public street, highway, or right-of-way. (Jenkintown Code § 156-33)

Fire Hydrants Residents are urged to clear a 3-foot radius around any hydrants on or near their property for emergency access.

Responsibility for Corner Ramps

While the Borough's Public Works Department handles the plowing of the "cartway" (the street itself), the responsibility for clearing the actual sidewalk ramps often falls on the adjacent property owner, similar to standard sidewalks.

- **Public vs. Private:** If the corner ramp is adjacent to a private property (residential or commercial), the owner of that property is responsible for clearing it.
- The Borough is responsible for clearing corner ramps adjacent to Borough **Borough Property** - owned property and municipal parking lot.
- **Safety Standards:** The path cleared should ideally match the **3-foot width** required for standard sidewalks to ensure wheelchairs and strollers can navigate the corner.

Important Contacts

Emergencies: Dial 911

Sign up for alerts and updates with Ready Montco.

 Emergency Alerts with ReadyMontco- Signup Here.

PECO Outages: 1-800-841-4141 or PECO Online

Borough Updates: Are provided on all Borough social media sites; FaceBook, Email Blasts, and the Official Jenkintown Borough Website www.jenkintownboro.com