

WYCKOFF POLICE DEPARTMENT
Public Service Announcement

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
SNOW REMOVAL LAWS WILL BE ENFORCED

- * **New State Law – Prohibits plowing, shoveling or snow blowing snow into roadway**
- * **Sidewalks still required to be shoveled free of snow and ice within 12 hours after snowfall**
- * Failure to comply with new state and municipal ordinance will result in a fine up to \$500

As we get further into the winter season, the possibility of snow becomes greater. Wyckoff Chief of Police Benjamin Fox advises residents of both a new State law as well as an existing township ordinance that pertains to snow.

During periods of significant snow accumulation, the Wyckoff DPW spends many long hours clearing the roadways to make them safe for motorists. All too often after the roads have been plowed, individuals with snow blowers or private snow plows, and sometimes shoveling by hand; place snow from driveways into the roadway. This situation then creates hazards for vehicles or pedestrians. A recent New Jersey State law prohibits the placement of snow from driveways or sidewalks into the roadway. Residents are asked to comply with the new regulations, as well as make sure that private snow plows that are hired to clear their driveway comply as well. Violators are subject to fines of up to \$500.

Additionally, residents and business owners of property that abut public sidewalks are reminded of their responsibility to clear the sidewalk of snow and ice within 12 hours of daylight after the snowfall stops. Sidewalks that have not been cleaned, force pedestrians and school children to walk in the roadway to circumvent the sidewalk. Besides presenting a hazard to the pedestrians, it opens up the homeowner to personal liability for the failure to comply with the ordinance. Wyckoff police officers will issue summonses to anyone who does not clear their sidewalk of snow in a timely manner.

The cooperation of residents and businesses is requested on both of these winter snow season issues so that the streets and sidewalks are safe for everyone.