

LEHIGHTON BOROUGH SNOW EVENT Q & A FACTS BY THE NUMBERS

WHAT IS THE SIZE OF LEHIGHTON BOROUGH?



83 Streets and Alleys

21+ Miles of Roadways

1 Mile of Borough Owned Sidewalks

HOW MANY EMPLOYEES DOES THE LEHIGHTON BOROUGH PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. HAVE?



8 Full-Time and **3** Part-Time Public Works Employees

Public Works employees work a daily M-F schedule from 7:00 am through 3:30 pm. However, during a snowstorm, employees are authorized to work overtime hours in the evenings, overnight and throughout weekends to prepare for, maintain and clear the Borough to ensure the best possible conditions for our residents. In addition, the Lehigh Water Authority assists in snowstorm maintenance as needed.

HOW DOES THE BOROUGH BUDGET FOR SNOWSTORMS?

The Borough of Lehigh's yearly budget for winter snow events and maintenance is; **\$67,000**, which is budgeted in our Liquid Fuels fund versus the General Fund to keep taxes at a minimum.

The breakdown is as follows:

\$10,000 contracted snow removal

\$30,000 materials

\$27,000 for winter maintenance wages

WHAT TYPE OF SNOW MAINTAINENCE EQUIPMENT DOES THE BOROUGH OF LEHIGHTON HAVE?

2 Salt Spreader/Plow Trucks

1 Mack Plow Truck

1 Small Dump Truck with Salt Spreader Dedicated to Alleys)

2 Snow Throwers

4 Pick-up Plow Trucks

2 Water Authority Dump Trucks

3 Contracted Haulers (if needed)



In addition, the Borough reviews yearly, the budget to replace deteriorating equipment and vehicles. The Public Works Department keeps the vehicles and equipment in top working condition, and in many cases increase the longevity of their "lifespan".

The associated costs with the February 2021 storm will total over **\$25,000**. The 2021 allocation for snow removal wages and contracted haulers will be fully expended due to this snowstorm.

WHY DOES IT TAKE SO LONG TO CLEAR THE SNOW AWAY?

Our **1st** Snow Thrower is blowing snow into locations such as; the Grove, 6th and Coal, Sgt. Stanley Hoffman Blvd., and Mahoning Street by LASD Fields without using a dump truck.

The **2nd** Snow Thrower works with dump trucks to remove the accumulated snow from roadways to be hauled away to dumping locations.

The dump trucks fill up faster with more snowfall. For example:

The December Snowstorm- dump trucks needed to be emptied every **30+** feet of roadway cleared.

The February Snowstorm- dump trucks needed to be emptied every **15** feet of roadway cleared.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR SNOW MAINTAINENCE?

STEP 1: Pushing back snow, keeping roadways clear from drifts, clearing all borough owned facilities, repairing equipment, etc.

STEP 2: Begin Snow Removal starting with Snow Emergency Routes.



STEP 3: Remove accumulated snow from narrowest streets, South 2nd Street Business District and the most populated areas of town.