



September 24, 2024

RE: Senior Snowplow Program 2024-2025

Dear Resident:

The Senior Snowplow Program has been offered to Township seniors since 2008. The program is designed to provide an unobstructed pathway for emergency services to access homes of seniors within the program in the event of an emergency. **The program is not intended as a full driveway clearing service.**

Over the years the program has grown significantly. **The total number of driveways that are able to be serviced on this program is 200.** This will ensure that contractors are able to service all of the drives on their assigned routes. Applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. **Applications are to be filled out every year (even when reapplying), as the Township is not able to track changes in residency. Applications that are received after the maximum number of participants is reached will be included on a waiting list.** Applicants on the waiting list will be added to the program as additional snow plow contractors become available.

The qualifying requirements have changed, please see the changes listed. Applicants must be at least 75 years of age, be the property owner, and reside at the address on the application. All new applicants must provide proof of age with a current Ohio Driver's License, State of Ohio ID card, or Birth Certificate. **There must be no one else residing with the applicant under the age of 75 years old that is physically capable of removing snow.** The program is also available to disabled residents with a disability that prevents them from removing snow. Applicants must provide medical certification in the form of a letter or note from their physician as proof of disability.

Those included in the program are required to install adequate markers on each side of the driveway, make sure the address is clearly visible from the road, and keep the driveway clear of obstructions including parked vehicles. Please be sure to follow these guidelines. These guidelines are necessary for the contractors to easily identify and clear the drive. **Drives that do not meet the guidelines may be omitted until the guidelines are met.**

Please keep the spirit and intent of the program in mind when applying. The program is very important to the health and safety of our seniors and residents who are physically unable to clear snow fall to provide sufficient emergency access.

Residents who provide cell phone numbers and/or email addresses on their application will be able to receive **Regroup** notifications when contractors are dispatched for the Senior Snowplow Program. To stay up to date on the latest weather warnings, road closures, or emergency situations, please go to <https://www.copley.oh.us/270/ReGroup-Alerts>.

Visit the Township website or contact the Service Department at 330-666-0365 with any questions related to the Snow Emergency Authorization or the Senior Snowplow Program.

Thank you,

Copley Township Service Department