



# Warwick Township

## *Winter 2015*



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### **Your Responsibility as a Homeowner in Warwick Township:**

If you have a storm water management facility, such as a swale, basin, inlet, or outlet structure, most likely, you are responsible for maintenance of the facility.

**On June 19, 2015, Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the PA Consolidated Statutes was amended. A property disclosure statement through the State Real Estate Commission must disclose the property's soils, drainage, boundaries, and sinkholes. Also, it must disclose the condition, if known, and location of all storm water facilities, including a statement disclosing whether ongoing maintenance of the storm water facilities is the responsibility of the property owner or the responsibility of another person/entity.**

This could include simply mowing these areas and keeping them free from structures, to making sure the rip rap (dispersing rocks) is replaced as needed, that pipes are not clogged, or possibly replacing malfunctioning facilities.

Warwick Township staff inspects inlets and outfalls annually. If a maintenance issue arises, **a notice is mailed** to the property owner identifying the problem and providing recommendations to correct the issue.

### Winter Maintenance: Snow Removal Guidelines

Before we know it, winter will be upon us. With winter comes the obvious potential for snow. Realizing this potential, homeowners can assist the Township's Public Works Department in Providing an improved level of service by observing the following guidelines:

- \* **Do not park vehicles on the street until the street has been completely cleared off.** Note that the Township, in most cases, will plow the street two separate times. The first time will be to clear an access to the primary roads and the second pass will push the snow back to the edge of the street.
- \* **Wait until the street is plowed before clearing driveway openings.**
- \* **Never shovel snow out into the streets.**
- \* **Shovel out fire hydrants if they are located on your property.**
- \* **Motorists need to have a greater awareness of Township vehicles salting or plowing snow.** Motorists should not interfere or impede the plow in any way.
- \* **Remove the snow or ice from the sidewalk within 12 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain.**
- \* **Make sure mailboxes are property secure.**



As stated above, observing these guidelines will assist in providing our resident with the highest level of service.