NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

Code Corner

Fall & Winter Property Reminders

Practical seasonal reminders about leaf collection, winter safety, and recreational vehicle use in North Whitehall Township.

FALL LEAVES	SNOW & ICE	ATVs & SNOWMOBILES
Keep sidewalks and drainage areas clear. Follow collection instructions.	Clear sidewalks within 24 hours. Keep snow off streets.	Know Township private-property rules and state roadway laws.

Fall Leaves: Collection and Drainage

Leaf collection helps keep streets and drainage facilities functioning properly. Residents should follow current Township leaf collection directions and avoid creating obstructions.

- Place leaves in rows close to the roadway where Township collection equipment can reach them; do not place piles in the traveled cartway or block drainage openings.
- Keep piles away from mailboxes, parked vehicles, and other obstacles that could prevent collection crews from reaching them.
- Keep sidewalks free of leaves and debris that interfere with pedestrian travel.
- Check the Township's current Public Works leaf collection information. Collection schedules vary with weather, equipment, and leaf conditions; pickup dates are not guaranteed for individual streets.

Snow and Ice: Sidewalks, Streets, and Parking

Winter storms create important responsibilities for property owners, occupants, and motorists.

- Sidewalks: Where sidewalks are present, snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after precipitation ceases to fall or accumulate. If compacted snow or ice cannot be removed, the ordinance requires sand or another suitable substance to facilitate safe walking.
- Snow placement: Do not plow, shovel, push, or deposit snow or ice onto public streets, sidewalks, or Township property when clearing driveways, parking areas, or other locations.
- Street parking: Parking on Township-system roads is prohibited after snowfall begins until the snowfall ends and the roadway has been completely plowed to its full width.
- Snow contractors: Please communicate these requirements to anyone you hire for snow removal.

ATVs, Dirt Bikes, and Snowmobiles: Know the Rules

Engine-powered recreational vehicles are regulated under North Whitehall Township Chapter 401, as well as applicable Pennsylvania law. A snow-covered street does not automatically become a recreational vehicle route.

- Private property: Recreational operation is generally limited to 9:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. under Township regulations.
- Property lines: Chapter 401 generally requires at least 50 feet of separation from property lines, subject to its stated exceptions.
- Property impacts: Visible dust, mud, or debris must not leave the parcel where these vehicles are operated; applicable sound limits also apply.

- Public roadways: ATV and snowmobile use on public roads is generally restricted under state law, with limited statutory exceptions. Refer roadway-operation concerns to the Pennsylvania State Police.

Township regulations include specific exceptions, including certain ingress/egress, property-maintenance, and snow-removal activities. Review Chapter 401 before operating.

Questions or Concerns?

For Township ordinance questions, contact North Whitehall Township. For concerns involving unlawful recreational vehicle operation on public roadways, contact the Pennsylvania State Police. In an emergency, call 911.

Internal Publication Review

This page is a working draft, not a substitute for the adopted ordinances. Before publication:

- Confirm the current annual leaf collection guidance and link to the active Public Works notice.
- Confirm current Township administration and referral practices for roadway complaints.
- Check Chapter 401 exceptions and current state laws before adding additional examples or definitive prohibition language.
- Use the official Township logo only from a verified original asset; the three-panel visual intentionally uses no logo.
- Post with an updated seasonal date and revisit annually.