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Keep it Clear, Throw it Short

Well, old man winter has been giving us a fair amount of snow so far this season. While the white stuff can be beautiful to look at, not to mention fun to play in, skiing, snowboarding, sledding, it is not always fun to travel in, and even less fun to remove. PennDot and our local road maintenance departments work many long hours to keep the roads clear and safe for travel; we also need to do our part to help facilitate those efforts. Conewago Township and many others across the region have snow and ice removal ordinances.

In Conewago Township codes, under Chapter 130 – Article III – Snow and Ice Removal, you will read the following:

§ 130-20 Prohibited acts.

No person or entity shall, either personally or by others acting on his, her, or its behalf, deposit any accumulation of snow, ice, or other frozen materials upon the traveled section of any public highway, street, road, or alley located within Conewago Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania. This prohibition relates to dumping of snow either by hand, by mechanical device, by motor vehicle or in any other manner which, in effect, results in any accumulation of snow, ice, or other frozen materials on the traveled portion of any public highway, street, road or alley of the Township. The fact that the highway, street, road, or alley surface was not plowed at the time shall not be a defense to a prosecution based on this article.

§ 130-21 Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this article shall pay a fine of up to \$500, plus costs of prosecution.

These and other ordinances and others can be found at: <https://www.ecode360.com/CO1794>

Throwing snow and ice back onto the roadway may seem to be without real consequence, but this can pose a danger to other motorists when the material creates additional slick or icy spots and hardens into frozen deformities that could cause another motorist to lose control.

So if winter keeps dropping snow on us, let's keep it off the roadway while digging ourselves out.

Gary L. Baumgardner – Chief of Police