



# CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

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## MEDIA RELEASE

The City of Lima, Public Works Department recommends the following actions to assist with snow removal.

### *Resident Assistance*

Residents can assist the snow removal process in several ways:

- Please park vehicles off of the street if possible.
- To help expedite snow removal, if cars must remain parked on the street, please park cars along one side. Snow plows may be unable to maneuver down narrow streets with cars parked on both sides, hindering their ability to remove snow in a timely manner.
- Pile shoveled snow from driveways to the right of the driveway (as you face the street) or pile it on your yard area.
- Clear snow and ice from stormwater drains to help prevent flooding when the snow melts.
- When following snow plows, stay a safe distance behind.
- Under no circumstance should you attempt to pass a snow plow.
- Keep children away from snow plows.

### *Snow Emergency Classifications*

A county sheriff may, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 311.07 and 311.08, declare a snow emergency and temporarily close the state roads and municipal streets within his/her jurisdiction when such action is reasonably necessary for the preservation of the public peace.

**LEVEL 1:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

**LEVEL 2:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.

**LEVEL 3:** All Roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those travelling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.