



FIGURE 13

SNOW TIP

How to keep your driveway clear

Each year the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) clears enough snow from state roads to cover a two-lane highway from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Our challenge is to remove the snow in minimum time.

First NJDOT clears the travel lanes. Our next step is to "widen out" and clear the shoulder. Although we do our best to be attentive to individual driveways and minimize inconveniences to residents, the plows sometimes fill in areas on previously cleaned driveways and sidewalks. State law says that property owners next to state roads are responsible for clearing snow and ice from their property "including or where snow and ice has been placed upon such areas as a result of state contractor's snow or ice clearing operations."*

You can prevent snow plows blocking your driveway by clearing a portion of the highway shoulder immediately adjacent to your driveway. (Refer to the illustration below.) Doing so provides an area where snow from the plow truck can be deposited before reaching your driveway.

*New Jersey Administrative Code: 16:38-1.1

