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Snow Removal Reimbursement Program



A public-private partnership that gets your streets clear of snow

An overview of the program



Here in the First State, we have a program that reimburses civic associations for a portion of the cost of snow removal for snow events with accumulation of 4 inches or more.

Called the Snow Removal Reimbursement Program (SRRP), civic associations register ahead of time, then negotiate snow-removal contracts with private companies. After the storm, the civic associations submit to DeIDOT a request for reimbursement along with copies of the bill and the cleared check. DeIDOT will then

reimburse the lesser of: 75 percent of the bill or 75 percent of the calculated cap.

Since the reimbursement rates are based on the amount of snow that has fallen, DeIDOT has 18 state-of-the-art measuring stations throughout the state. The measuring stations are maintained and monitored by the Department of Climatology at the University of Delaware.

Why doesn't DeIDOT just plow subdivision roads themselves?

Most of the snow-removal fleet at DeIDOT consists of large trucks, which are poorly suited to clearing narrow neighborhood roads with parked cars, cul de sacs and other tight turns. With their pickup-mounted plows and small tractors, private contractors can do a great job in the neighborhoods.

This will allow subdivisions to have their roads cleared during or right after a storm, while state resources are focused on major highways.

Where can I get more information?

snow.deldot.gov

Where is snowfall measured?

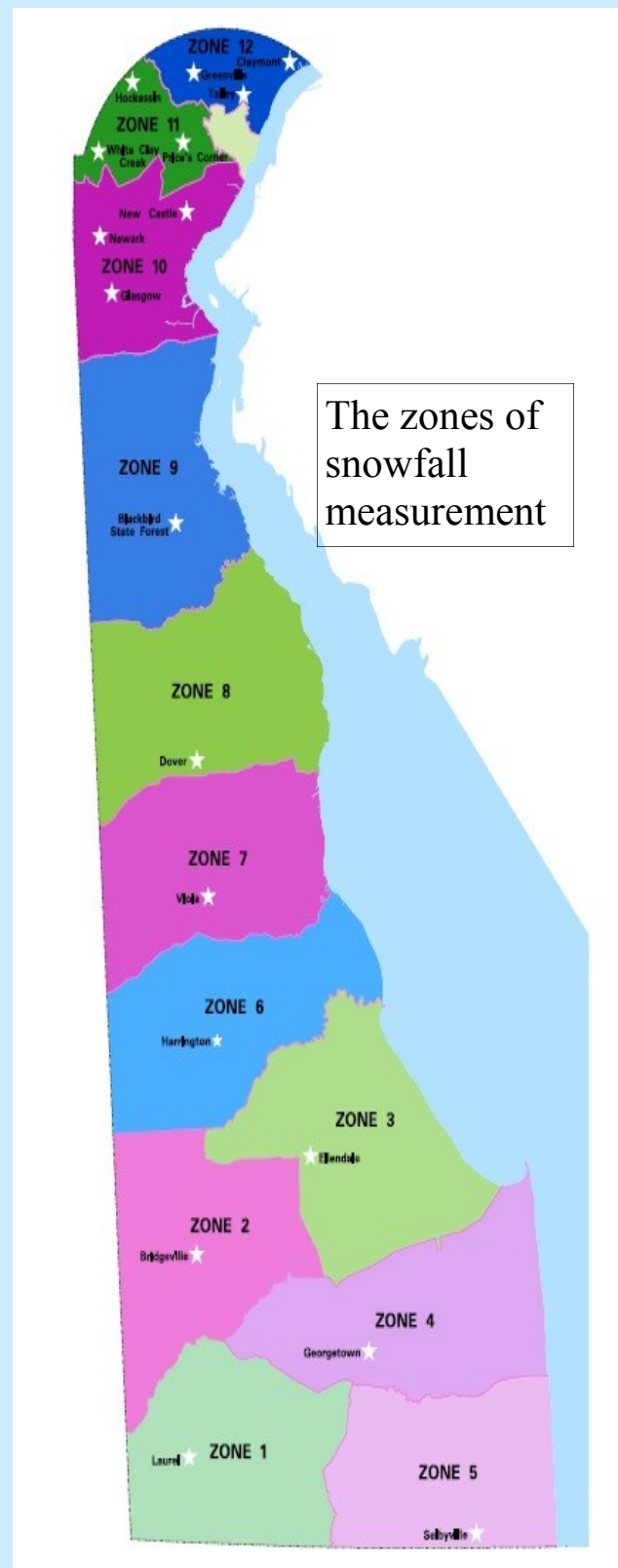
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The state is separated into different zones, with at least one measuring station in each zone (please see the map to the right).

Each zone will have its own official snow accumulation amount, which will determine the reimbursement rates for the communities within that zone.

For those zones that have more than one measuring station, the official accumulation amount will be the highest amount recorded by any of the stations within that zone.

The accumulation amounts are posted hourly at snow.deldot.gov



What storms qualify for reimbursement?

There must be four inches of accumulation within your zone for at least one hour for your neighborhood to qualify for reimbursement.

There are five reimbursement categories, and the amount your association is reimbursed, depends on how much recorded snow fell in your zone (please see the table to the right).

Reimbursement Categories	
Light snowfall	4" - 7.99"
Moderate snowfall	8" - 11.99"
heavy snowfall	12" - 15.99"
Severe snowfall	16" - 19.99"
Blizzard	20 " and over

How much will be reimbursed?



Each year, DelDOT performs an analysis of the bills submitted the previous year to find the most accurate costs for local snow removal.

The reimbursement rate is based on a percentage of the cost, and the amount of snow that has fallen. The reimbursement rates are announced in the Fall of every year.

Is my subdivision eligible for this program?

If any of the roads within your subdivision are state-maintained, they are eligible for the SRRP.

New subdivisions, or recent additions, may have roads that have not yet been accepted by the state, thus are not eligible to be accepted.



If you have questions about your eligibility, please call program administrator Linda Stump at (302) 760-2085, or visit www.snow.deldot.gov

When will we get reimbursed?

In the past, checks have been issued between 7 and 10 days after DelDOT receives the request and the required documentation.

How can we register?

1. Go to snow.deldot.gov.

Download, print and complete the program application and the DE Substitute W-9 form.

2. Mail the application and a voided check to:

DelDot M & O, PO Box 778, Dover, DE 19904, Attn: Linda Stump

3. The DE Substitute W-9 can be filed on-line or mailed to:

ERP Project/Division of Accounting, 800 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904, Attn: Jack Kennedy

How snow is measured

DelDOT & UD hi-tech network for snow measurements.

Real-time snow depth measurements are provided by the Delaware Environmental Observing System (DEOS) to the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) for purposes of measuring snow conditions over a white board simulating the method used by the National Weather Service.

Snow depth is measured using a sonic ranging depth sensor. This sensor sends a sonic (sound) signal from its base to the surface below. This signal is then reflected from the surface to the sensor where an air temperature-calibrated distance-to-surface measurement is

calculated. This distance is then subtracted from the initial height of the sensor above the ground to yield a snow depth measurement. The accuracy of this sensor is +/- 1 cm (approximately 0.3937 in.).

Each snow depth measurement undergoes a quality control procedure that checks for instrumentation error and data integrity according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

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