

Passaic County Sheriff's Senior Snow Removal Program
Information Form

In the winter of 2006, Sheriff Jerry Speziale implemented the first program utilizing inmate labor to assist at-risk senior citizens and disabled residents with snow removal. The snow removal program is ready to deal with significant snow accumulation to help qualified seniors have the ability to get out of their homes for necessities.

The program uses inmates who are currently serving their county jail sentence on either the Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program or Sheriff's Work Assistance Program. All inmates involved in these work programs are carefully screened, non-violent offenders, who are supervised by a experienced Correctional Officer at all times.

Please note that the Sheriff's Senior Snow Removal Program has specific guidelines that will go into effect after each snowstorm of two or more inches of accumulation. At-risk seniors or disabled residents must adhere to the following procedures each time:

- The Snow Removal Program will only go into effect **AFTER 2 INCHES** of snow have fallen on the ground in our area.
- At that time, **at-risk seniors and disabled residents** can contact the Passaic County Sheriff's Community Release Center at 973-881-2767 or 973-225-3189 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- You can register yearly from October 15 of each year through the winter season. Each call will be screened to determine eligibility.
- There can be no able-bodied persons residing in the household under the age of 60.
- Work Crews will be dispatched only after it has stopped snowing. The work crews will remove snow only during daylight hours from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Crews will respond to calls in the order they are received and will service as many residents as possible each day.
- There are no guaranteed times when the crews will arrive at the residence.

The Bureau of Corrections will supply the needed equipment. The program will not supply salt or ice-melting chemicals, but crews will dispense them if supplied by residents. Contact or conversation between the inmates and the public is prohibited. Gratuities/money, food, drink or any other item is strictly prohibited.