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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RUSSELL RESIDENTS:
Northeast Ohio Road Salt Supply Shortage

Dear Residents of Russell Township,

Due to the unexpected closure of Morton's Fairport Harbor salt mine, Russell Township anticipates a regional road salt shortage for the 2026-27 winter season.

Morton announced it will divide its remaining stockpile of road salt among the Northeastern Ohio communities, providing each with 30% of its requested amount. As a result, Russell Township expects to receive roughly one-third of the salt planned for. Purchasing additional road salt at this time from other vendors would cost several times more than our current contract price. Further salt supply is not guaranteed, if any be still available after rationing amongst Northeastern Ohio.

What to Expect:

- Roads will continue to be plowed. Salt will be utilized where safety matters most: intersections, hills, curves, etc.
- Straight, level stretches of road may stay snow-covered than you are used to — especially after a snowstorm or flurry.
- Cinders and/or grits may be mixed with the road salt to stretch supplies while also improving traction.

How to Prepare:

- Slow down and allow for extra travel time. Be mindful of road conditions.
- Ensure plows have plenty of room for access, and do not pass them.
- Avoid the roads during and immediately after storms, if and when possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Our road crews will continue working diligently to keep roads as safe and accessible as possible with the limited resources available to the Township. Please drive safe and remember to buckle-up!

Questions? Please contact:
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