

## Snow Sense:

- **City ordinances require that snow and ice be removed from Sidewalks within 12 hours of daylight after the fall of the snow.**
- **State Law Prohibits the shoveling of snow back on to streets and public property after they have been plowed.** This causes uneven melting and ruts in the streets making for dangerous sliding conditions.
- **Do not Park too close to corners at intersections or too far from the curbs.** Vehicles blocking access to turning radius and plowing the cart way will prohibit plows and salt trucks from being able to get on to streets and do their job.
- **Obey the No Parking Snow route signs.** These are the major routes designated for allowing emergency vehicles such as ambulance and fire trucks to get through during the storms. Parking in the route could result in your vehicle being towed. Also they are for the purpose of allowing for public transportation to continue operating.
- **Shovel out Fire Hydrants in your neighborhood.** Time is of the essence in fighting fires and if the fire firefighters have to take extra time to locate and clear fire hydrants life and property at risk.
- **Shovel out storm in lets.** Snow and ice can block the in lets and cause melting snow to puddle and flood street which are subject to refreezing and causing slipping hazards and potential back up into basements and crawl spaces.
- **Be courteous to your neighbors.** Putting trash cans, chairs and such items in the right of way to assure parking spots is illegal and can prevent the plows and salt trucks from doing their jobs. It is understood that after spending time and energy to dig out a vehicle it is frustrating to have someone else park in the spot but safety comes first.
- **Driving on Ice and Snow**

Ice and snow can make for hazardous driving conditions.

**1. Know your route and keep abreast of weather conditions-** When you see snow or ice forecast, plan ahead.

**2. Slow down -** Give yourself extra time. It's not worth putting yourself and others in a dangerous situation just to be on time.

**3. Keep a light touch on the controls -** The faster you're going, the longer it will take to stop. When accelerating on snow or ice, take it slow to avoid slipping. When braking, do so slowly and never slam the brakes. If you have anti-lock brakes, press

on the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the pedal. Either way, give yourself plenty of room to stop.

**4. Know how to recover from skids.**

**5. Keep your tires in good condition and properly inflated.**

**6. Snowplows:** Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Do not tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.

- **Home Safety**

Severe cold can freeze the water in your pipes, causing them to burst. Be cautious with alternative ways of heating your home. If freezing temperatures are in the forecast, take the following steps:

1. Drip warm water from the indoor faucet farthest from where water enters the house.

2. Insulate outdoor faucets and pipes in unheated garages and crawl spaces with newspaper, rags or other insulating material. Cover with plastic and secure with string or wire.

3. If a water pipe breaks, immediately turn off the main water shut-off valve and/or water meter to control flooding and water damage. Then call a plumber. The main water shut-off valve is usually located in the basement, garage or outdoors by the foundation.