



Helpful Hints for the Winter Season

UG street division crews are prepared for snowfall. As plowing can be a dangerous and difficult task, crews would like to provide the following tips and information to improve efficiency and increase public safety:

- Please remove vehicles from the streets whenever possible to allow more room for plows to do their job.
- Please make sure your mailboxes are properly installed and maintained to ensure stability. Even at low speeds, snow being pushed to the side by plows can push over mailboxes that are not properly installed or maintained.
- Trucks are plowing snow and spreading salt/sand. Stay back from the plows at least six (6) car lengths to avoid problems.
- Please do not pull directly behind slow plows. If you cannot see the driver, the driver cannot see you.
- When cleaning driveways or parking lots, do not push snow into the street. This can cause hazardous conditions for other motorists.
- Plow trucks generally push snow to the passenger side of the truck (right side when looking from the rear). Never attempt to pass a truck on the right side since there can be much more snow on that side of the vehicle.
- When shoveling, try and pile snow from driveways on the right side facing the street. This will help snowplow drivers avoid carrying piles from the left side back across the driveways.
- Snowplows will try to avoid piling snow on sidewalks, but in some instances this is impossible. The adjacent property owner is responsible to keep sidewalks clear.
- Avoid building snow structures such as forts or igloos near the street that plows may cover over resulting in possible injury to children playing nearby.

Current storm conditions and snow plow removal updates will be made available on the UG and Public Works website throughout the snow season.

As always, please slow down and drive safely during any winter conditions.