

WINTER STORM TIPS

- Listen to your local weather station.
- If a storm is anticipated remove parked vehicles from the side of the road. Do not drive unnecessarily during snow/ice storms, especially after dusk, and during freezing rain.
- If you must travel, drive **slowly**. A 4x4 vehicle is no guarantee of safe driving. Use your brakes cautiously and deliberately.
- Turn on your headlights.
- Keep a safe distance away from snow plows or sanders. The drivers of these vehicles are focused on safe driving, and their vehicles have many blind spots, especially in limited visibility conditions.
- Objects next to the road or side walk may easily be damaged by snowplows. Remove any objects that may interfere with the plowing....decorative rocks, trash receptacles, fences, shrubs, boats, vehicles, etc.
- The Town is not responsible for replacing/repairing mailboxes damaged by plows removing snow from the roadways.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your house please try and remove snow **after** the storm, to increase ease of access.
- If there is a catch basin in front of your house you can help prevent flooding and increase drainage by maintaining it free of debris at all times.
- Do not shovel, plow or blow the snow from your driveway into the town road. This creates hazardous conditions for all
- The roads may be plowed several times during a storm, so wait until the storm is over to clear the end of your driveway.
- Please be patient. Plowing cannot be rushed, and our equipment operators are responsible for certain areas and routes.
- Please be aware of your neighbors and their possible needs.
- Primary roads, heavily travelled roads and main collectors will be plowed first as a priority.
- Please **avoid calling the Municipal Maintenance department during a storm for routine matters**. Our employees are focused on dealing with storm conditions and maintaining contact with all emergency personnel.
- If the department phone (508-295-5300) is busy please leave a message which contains your name, phone number and address, so that we may respond to your request appropriately.