



# TIPS TO SURVIVE "CLEVELAND WINTERS"

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## MOTORISTS TIPS DURING SNOW AND/OR ICE REMOVAL

- ❖ Please obey all parking bans on streets that are designated as "SNOW BAN STREETS" by signage.
- ❖ Slow down. Slick pavement means reduced tire traction and possible loss of control.
- ❖ Increase following distance, turn on headlights, and always wear your seatbelt.
- ❖ Stop gradually by pumping your brakes. If your vehicle has an anti-lock braking system, apply steady braking.
- ❖ Be cautious when approaching snowplow vehicles. The driver may not always be able to see you.
- ❖ Remain at least 50 feet from snowplow equipment to reduce the risk of accident to vehicles and or persons relating to the removal of snow and ice.
- ❖ Please allow for wide turns at intersections by snowplow equipment.

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR RESIDENTS

- ❖ Prepare your vehicle for winter by checking brakes, tires, windshield washer fluid and wipers.
- ❖ In the event of a snow emergency keep your automobile equipped with:
  - Blankets, jumper cables, flashlight (with fresh batteries), ice scraper, cloth or paper towels and warning devices.
  - Dry goods (non-perishable food items).
- ❖ Pay attention to all weather advisories before traveling.
- ❖ Leave early. Your trip may take twice as long in harsher weather conditions.
- ❖ Plan your route to avoid steep upgrades.
- ❖ Select routes of travel use main streets if possible.
- ❖ Avoid traveling in isolated areas during a snowstorm.



# TIPS TO SURVIVE "CLEVELAND WINTERS" (cont.)

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- ❖ The Division of Street's first priority in the event of a half-inch or more of fallen snow is the removal or plowing of snow and/or ice on the primary streets of the city.
- ❖ During snow events, main streets will be plowed and salted first. Residential streets will be cleared as determined by existing weather conditions and upcoming forecasts.
- ❖ Any snow accumulation above two inches involves simultaneous plowing and salting of the streets.
- ❖ When snow accumulation is less than two inches, we generally salt the streets, without plowing.

## SNOW EMERGENCIES

- ❖ At times local officials can declare a snow emergency. The three levels of snow emergencies and their definitions are listed below:
  - ❖ **CATEGORY 1: Use Caution.**
  - ❖ **CATEGORY 2: Hazardous roads. Only travel if absolutely necessary.**
  - ❖ **CATEGORY 3: Emergency vehicles only. Travel advisory strictly enforced.**
- ❖ Contact your employer to determine if your workplace is open during snow emergencies.

**If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact the Division of Streets at:  
(216) 664-2510**

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