

ASHLAND WINTER SAFETY



It's cold outside!

Colder weather can bring lots of winter fun for all, and it can also create various hazards for roadways. Here are some tips on how to stay safe and help our snow cleanup crews this winter season.

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Winter Safety:

- Be sure to check your **tires, tire pressure,** and **antifreeze** levels.



- **Change your oil** just before winter to help keep oil flowing easily.



- Get **wipers replaced** as soon as they show signs of wear and fill the **washer fluid** reservoir.

- Remove ice and snow from all **windows, mirrors, and lights** to keep flying snow and ice from obscuring visibility.

- Pack an **emergency kit** for your car/truck: gloves, ice scraper, shovel, salt or sand, warm clothes, jumper cables, and first-aid kit.

- If **power lines** are down, call your local utility and emergency services. If power lines fall on your car, warn people not to touch the car or power lines.



How you can help on the roads:



- When **3 or more inches** are forecasted, please find an alternative place to park your car to allow city plows and salt trucks to clear the roads more effectively.
- When driving behind the plow, **do not crowd it**, salt spread by the snowplow could hit your vehicle. The road behind a snowplow is safer to drive on. Stay behind it or use caution when passing.

- **Snowplows** move slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the road frequently.

- Decrease speed and leave **plenty of room** to stop.

- Be careful on **bridges, overpasses, and infrequently traveled** roads, which will freeze first.



How you can help at home:

- Keep **sidewalks** clear and passable within **12 hours** of a snow or ice event.

- Keep children out of the street and have them avoid playing in snow **piled on the road or cul-de-sacs.**



- If you have a **fire hydrant** in your yard, clear it of snow piled around it.

- Avoid **shoveling or blowing** snow into the street.

- If you need an **alley** plowed or salted contact the Street Department.



- Inspect your **mailbox** and ensure it is not rotted or rusted and install a mailbox protector if necessary.

- **Clear the area** around your mailbox, it can help prevent damage to your mailbox from snowplows.

- To prevent plows from building snow up in front of your drive, clear the area **to the right of your drive**, it allows the snowplow to unload before crossing the driveway.

- Set your **trash cans or totes** further out from the edge of the road to prevent plows from hitting them.