

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

Here at the Town of Ogden Highway Department safety is a priority. It is imperative that drivers take extra caution during the winter driving season. Below are some considerations to take to ensure safer travel. Have a safe winter!

SLOW DOWN - Posted speed limit signs are for dry roads so you may have to drive slower than the posted speed for the current roadway conditions.



GIVE THEM ROOM - Don't crowd other vehicles. It takes more time to stop when roads are wet.

BE PATIENT - Show consideration for other drivers and allow for extra driving time.

WATCH FOR ICY SURFACES - Bridges and overpasses are the first to freeze! Shaded areas are possible black ice.

MAKE YOURSELF MORE VISIBLE - Drive with your headlights on.



KNOW THE ROAD - Be aware of road conditions and closed roadways before you travel.

PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE – Clear your vehicle, including lights and windows, of snow and ice before traveling and keep up on routine vehicle maintenance. Carry emergency supplies. (jumper cables, flashlight, batteries, blanket, snow shovel, first aid kit, candle & matches)

The plow driver's job is a difficult one requiring careful balance of skill, patience, focus and most importantly safety. Here are some considerations regarding the plow trucks.

GIVE THEM ROOM - Don't crowd the plow truck. Stay far behind them as visibility is reduced inside the truck and it takes more time to stop when roads are snow covered and wet. Do your best to keep as far right as safely possible to allow the plow to clear the thicker buildup on the centerline.



DON'T RUSH- Pulling out in front of a plow truck to get ahead may cause the driver to unnecessarily apply the brakes. Truck weights several tons when loaded with salt.

BE AWARE - A plow truck at an intersection may first have to turn right to “empty the plow”. Anticipating the driver’s need to do this by keeping back may avoid an accident.

PARKING - There should never be vehicles parked in the roadway, on the shoulders or within the road right-of way at anytime during the winter months. Roadways need to be clear for plows and it is difficult to have to maneuver them around parked vehicles in their pathway especially at night.



DIG IT OUT- Buried mailboxes are impossible to see. It is hard enough for the driver and the wingman to maintain proper distance regarding the wing blade and your mail box when it is not snow covered.

BE UNDERSTANDING - There will be times when your mailbox is accidentally hit. The force of flying snow alone can displace an already weakened box mount or post. If yours is accidentally taken down by a town plow truck the highway department will replace it with a standard 4’x4’ wooden post and a standard galvanized steel box at no charge. By law, they are not required to replace them. It is done as a **courtesy**. A suggestion: if you have a custom box or post, take them down for the winter months. Make sure the face of your mail box is at least 16ft. from the center of the roadway and it should be 42” high from the ground to the bottom of the board the box sits on.

