



NEWS RELEASE

KITITAS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WINTER DRIVING

With winter upon us, Kittitas County Public Works would like to make the traveling public aware that they need to prepare themselves and their vehicles for winter driving conditions, and for emergency situations in which they may find themselves. Slower speeds on snow and icy are mandatory, as is staying well back from snow-clearing equipment such as plows, blowers and sanders. Shady areas and bridges can be slicker than the rest of the road, so be aware.

Do not plow or blow snow from your road or driveway onto the County road right-of-ways. This is very dangerous to the traveling public and the Sheriff's office can give out citations for this.

Please do not park your vehicle in the road right-of-way. This makes it impossible for the plow to clear that area. If you live in Ronald or Easton, moving your vehicles early in the day will allow the plows to clear the right of way of newly accumulated snowfall, and will give you better service.

The first County roads cleared of snow are the major and minor arterials, which include school bus routes. Local access roads are cleared after the arterials. During a big storm this can even be the second day.

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