



# FOREST HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## WINTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN (WPP) INFORMATION & SAFETY TIPS

- The **Winter Preparedness Plan (WPP)** is part of a comprehensive Disaster Preparedness Plan (DPP) for our community.
- Comprehensive Neighborhood contact lists will be developed as part of the DPP. **NET (N**eighborhood **E**mergency **T**raining/Teams or **CERT's** – **C**ommunity **E**mergency **R**esponse **T**eams) will be established.
- Volunteer Contact List will be established to assist residents in need (published on FHHOA web site).
- Vendor/Shovel Contact List of preferred providers, including teen shovel list (publish on FHHOA web site).
- Establish a contingency fund of \$15,000. Giving authorization to the General Manager to expense funds in an emergency, with President consent, on behalf of the Association and in the best interest of the community. Emergency definition – unexpected and sudden event that must be dealt with urgently.
- Establish annual agreement with excavator or landscape company for emergency snow removal services at pre-determined rates for winter services, should their winter services be necessary.
- Communicate to residents/community through the newsletter and web site the- **“Winter Preparedness Plan, Snow Plow Plan, Street Plowing Priority Schedule and Winter Checklists”**. Publish WPP with newsletter articles every December in the newsletter and e-blasts.
- Notify FHHOA residents of their responsibilities as a resident of the City of Portland (e.g. removal of snow from sidewalks on their property - use information from city web site).
- Early notification to residents through e-alerts the possibility of snow or other winter storm warning.
- Follow established Snow Plow Plan (published on FHHOA web site) when two or more inches of snow are on the ground.

- EcoShuttle – Shuttle Bus Snow Schedule Hot Line For Inclement Weather or Service Delays Telephone Pre-recorded Route Information Line (503) 517 - 8566

## FHHOA SNOW PLOW PLAN

**Preface** – Historically the City of Portland only plows primary and secondary streets in our community. Skyline, Cornell, Miller and Thompson streets are the only streets that fall into these categories. Residential streets in our community are typically **not** plowed by the city.

**Excerpts from the City of Portland’s Winter Travel Information page:  
(<http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=47307>)**

When there is snow, sleet, ice, or other winter weather event, the City of Portland's top priority is your safety. The City's Snow and Ice Plan aims to reduce life threatening and injury producing conditions and reduce interruption to commerce and damage to property. The Plan is also committed to limiting the environmental impacts associated with removing snow and ice.

Because winter storms are so rare in our area, the City has a limited fleet of vehicles for performing these services and they are focused on the higher priority facilities. The Snow and Ice Plan establishes service priorities.

If you have to travel in wintry conditions, please take transit when possible or delay your trip until conditions are better.

### Advisories to Residents

**Clear catch basins** of debris to prevent drainage problems and street flooding.



**Clear sidewalks and driveways** across pedestrian paths of snow, ice, sand, gravel, de-icer materials, and debris; property owners are liable for personal injury and property damage caused by snow, ice, and other debris on sidewalks.



**Pile shoveled snow where it can be absorbed into the ground**, not on the street and public right-of-way.



**Businesses hiring contractors to remove snow from lots** - store the snow on your property; do not dump it on the street and public right-of-way.



**Remove icicles** hanging over doorways and walkways.



**Recover your abandoned vehicle** and move it off a major road or plow route onto a side street as soon as possible so that plows can completely open up major streets.

## FHHOA SNOW PLOW PLAN

The City of Portland is responsible and committed to plowing and maintaining the Miller Road and Thompson Road corridors. FHHOA will not plow Miller Road from Cornell to Thompson unless an emergency exists.

FHHOA residents should understand the limitations of the FHHOA snow removal service. FHHOA does not warrant or represent that this snow removal plan/service will result in hazard-free or safe conditions. FHHOA accepts no responsibility for warning or protecting others from hazardous or dangerous conditions. Nor does FHHOA accept any liability resulting from any failure to discover, identify, warn, or protect others from such conditions.

**Plowing Schedule** is determined by plowing the steepest streets first in a logical efficient order; all streets will be treated equally with no segregation of public or private streets. The FHHOA plow truck will not perform snow removal services for individual FHHOA residents or contract with neighboring associations.

During heavy snow events some streets within FHHOA will not be plowed until the priority streets (determined by Management) are cleared. Thereafter all streets will be plowed in a timely manner. FHHOA will not sand or de-ice any street.

### **FHHOA STREET PLOWING PRIORITY SCHEDULE**

**Schedule** – The following schedule is a guideline only. The final decision on which streets get plowed first will be determined by the General Manager and Maintenance Supervisor as each storm develops. Streets will be plowed up to FHHOA boundary lines.

- Priority 1 – Estates 2, 4, 6, and 8 (Higher elevation streets of Chapin and Devoto).
- Priority 2 – Estates 5 (Murdock Street)
- Priority 3 – Estates 7, Forest Ridge, Forest Hollow (Bartholomew and Birkendene)
- Priority 4 – Ridgeline and Forest Heights (Hazeltine and Hawkins)
- Priority 5 – Mill Woods and Caxton Woods (Benfield, Engleman, Fleischner and Mayfield)
- Priority 6 – Mill Pond
- Priority 7 – Estates 3 (Spencer), Creekside, and Gables
- Priority 8 – All other sub-association streets and community streets

### **CITY OF PORTLAND – WINTER PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION**

**Safety Tips - City of Portland** <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/>

Winter weather in Portland Metropolitan region can make travel unpredictable. The intensity of a single snow and ice storm can vary significantly throughout the region because of the area's unique weather patterns. The time of day the snow strikes also will influence winter travel. Even an inch of snow can make commuting a nightmare. It doesn't have to be that way . . .

Portland averages at least one significant snowfall annually. The next time it happens, be ready.

#### **Be safe in winter weather:**

- Take transit when possible
- Check weather and road conditions before you venture out
- Delay your trip until conditions are better

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#### **Take transit**

Plan to commute by bus in bad weather. Consider delaying your trip until roads are in better condition. Information about bus and MAX light rail is available online from [TriMet](#) or by calling (503) 238 - RIDE. Remember, buses will be more crowded than usual and not always on schedule.

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## Check weather and road conditions

When you head out, give yourself extra time and check weather and traffic reports before you go. Check [TripCheck](#) from ODOT for highway road conditions. TripCheck also has a link to [weather reports](#). Remember, freeways, major arterials, and bus routes are your best bets for winter travel.

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## Delay your trip until conditions are better

The best advice for driving in bad winter weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it. Don't go out until the snow plows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work, and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.

## PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE

City of Portland <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/>

- Prepare and maintain your vehicle for winter driving. Maintain your tires and keep a full tank of gas.
- Carry chains in your vehicle and learn how to put them on - CHAINS ARE YOUR LINK TO SAFETY!
- Clear snow and ice from all windows and lights - even the hood and roof of your vehicle - before driving. Keep your windows clear.
- Drive with your headlights on - day or night - at low beam.
- Don't get overconfident with four-wheel drive. It helps you get going quicker but won't help you stop any faster.
- Maintain your tires. Tires that are in proper working condition and are adequately inflated provide better traction.

Carry an emergency weather kit. Having a well stocked emergency kit in your car can help to save your life and make you more comfortable during breakdowns, accidents and long waits. Your kit should include:

Battery jumper cables

- First aid kit
- Shovel
- Basic tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver and knife)
- Blankets
- Extra clothing (hats, socks, boots, mittens)
- Flashlight
- Bag of sand
- Cellular phone or CB Radio

See also the Portland Office of Emergency Management's [online resources](#) to learn how to prepare your vehicle for winter driving.

## **PREPARE YOUR HOME AND FAMILY**

City of Portland <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/>

- Develop an emergency plan with your family to identify where each member should go if getting home is not possible because of snow conditions. Make sure there are provisions, food, and blankets at your contingency location.
- Familiarize yourself with school, daycare, and employer snow policies.
- Make sure you have a battery-operated radio and flashlight at home in case the power fails.

Visit [FEMA](#) to learn how to protect you and your family from winter storms and extreme cold.

See also the Portland Office of Emergency Management's [online resources](#) to learn how to protect you and your family in snow and ice events.

## **IN THE AFTERMATH**

Depending on the severity of the snow, it may take several hours to several days for life to return to normal in the city and region. In the aftermath of a storm, be patient and self-sufficient, and travel only if it's absolutely necessary.

- Continue to rely on public transit whenever possible.
- Dress warmly and be prepared for delays in bus schedules.
- If you must drive, stick to your winter travel plan. Remember, snow removal crews will clear bridges and overpasses, emergency routes, transit routes, and major arterials.
- Expect continued power and service disruptions.
- Listen to the radio for updates on key services.

## **KNOW HOW TO DRIVE IN SNOW AND ICE**

City of Portland <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/>

### **Driving safely on icy roads**

- Travel gently - drive, turn, and brake slowly.
- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
- Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Keep your lights and windshield clean.
- Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.
- Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.
- Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.
- Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

### **If your rear wheels skid...**

- Take your foot off the accelerator.
- Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right.
- If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.
- If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.
- If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse - this is normal.

### **If your front wheels skid...**

- Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately.
- As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch, and accelerate gently.

### **If you get stuck...**

- Do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper.
- Turn your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way.
- Use a light touch on the gas, to ease your car out.
- Use a shovel to clear snow away from the wheels and the underside of the car.
- Pour sand, kitty litter, gravel or salt in the path of the wheels, to help get traction.
- Try rocking the vehicle. (Check your owner's manual first - it can damage the transmission on some vehicles.) Shift from forward to reverse, and back again. Each time you're in gear, give a light touch on the gas until the vehicle gets going.

### **Look out for pedestrians and bicyclists...**

- Be watchful for pedestrians and bicyclists who are also trying to get around in hazardous, low visibility conditions.
- Share the Road safely and responsibly.

### **Watch for black ice...**

- Black ice is defined as ice that remains on roadways that are not subjected to direct sunlight. Black ice commonly forms on roads that wind around lakes and rivers, in tunnels, on overpasses and in highly shaded, rural areas. Black ice is almost invisible to the naked eye.