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## **-WINTER ADVISORY NOTIFICATION-**

The National Weather Service has issued a WINTER STORM WARNING across western Washington for Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Heavy snow is expected with local accumulation of 8 inches. The heaviest accumulation of snow is expected to occur between 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM today (Friday). Windy conditions will develop late Friday night into Saturday with north to northeast winds 15 to 30 mph and with gusts to 45 mph with local blowing snow. Temperatures late Friday night through Saturday is expected to fall into the 20s.

City staff is watching the forecast closely to respond as needed. PSE is preparing to deploy crews to work outages as they occur.

Making the choice to travel during inclement weather is different for everyone. If you do not have to travel, our recommendation is to defer your travel. If you must travel:

- Allow extra time to reach you destination.
- Be aware of changing weather conditions.
- Ensure that your vehicle is in good working order (including cleared windows) and has appropriate tires for winter travel.
- Pack winter driving supplies in your vehicle.
- Check road conditions before you leave and carry chains.
- Practice safe winter driving by:
  - Slowing down;
  - Give road crews plenty of room to work;
  - Leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you.

Heavy traffic can delay/impede snow and ice clearing, as plowing/deicing isn't possible if vehicles are blocking the roadway. Never abandon your vehicle in the travel lane.

### **City's Snow Response.**

Our Public Works Department begins in late fall preparing equipment for snow season by making sure the trucks, plows, sanders, and deicing equipment is in good working order. Additionally, arrangements for procurement of additional supplies are made. Staff takes a proactive approach by monitoring weather conditions, scheduling on call duty, and working closely with Police to determine up-to-date roadway conditions.

During a snow storm, streets and neighborhood priority routes are cleared first to ensure emergency response priorities for police, emergency medical, and fire response. With continuous snowfall the priority routes may need to be cleared repeatedly, with neighborhoods and less traveled streets being cleared later. Our request to you:

- Please help us to keep the streets clear by giving the snowplows room to work.
- Don't park your cars on the streets.
- Don't tailgate or attempt to pass a moving snowplow. If you do need to pass, use caution and be aware of the loss of visibility from the snow coming off the plow.
- Don't abandon vehicles in the lane of travel. If you are going up a hill and can't make it, back your car onto the shoulder using gravity to assist.

### **Driving on Ice and Snow.**

Ice and snow, combined with the slopes throughout Clyde Hill, can make for extremely hazardous driving conditions. Winter driving tips include slower speeds, slower acceleration, slower steering, and slower braking.

**Check conditions:** When you see snow or ice in the forecast, plan ahead. Talk to your employer, local school or day care center. The Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) provides reports on highway conditions with online Statewide Traveler Information. If conditions appear hazardous, don't travel unless absolutely necessary.

- **Extra time:** Give yourself extra time to get somewhere. It's not worth putting yourself and others in a dangerous situation just to be on time.
- **Chain up:** If conditions warrant it, chain up.
- **Before leaving home:** Pack winter safety equipment and a breakdown kit in your vehicle. Prepare your vehicle by packing a shovel, flashlight, blankets, and chains or cables for the tires.
- **Driving Tips:** Remember the faster you are going, the longer it will take you to stop. When braking, do so slowly and never slam on the brakes. Most modern cars have anti-lock brakes, press the brake pedal firmly and hold it. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the brake pedal.
- **Black ice:** Roads may appear to be dry or just wet, but may actually be slippery with black ice. Take it slowly when approaching intersections, off ramps, bridges or shady areas, these are common places for black ice.

### **Power Outages.**

To report power outages or downed power lines, call PSE at 1-888-225-5773. You can also download the myPSE app or check the [online outage map](#) located on their [website](#).