

# WHEN THE NEXT SNOW STORM HITS...



When snow begins to fall, road conditions can deteriorate very quickly. Be prepared. Snow tires, studded tires, chains, etc., will help you get around, but above all, **SLOW DOWN** and use common sense and caution. Traveling by bus is often your best commuting option. When the storm is bad or continues, and roads are dangerous, if at all possible **STAY HOME** until conditions improve. If you have a life threatening emergency call 9-1-1 and help will be on its way.

## HELP THE CITY HELP YOU

- During heavy snow events road crews must first focus their plowing and sanding efforts on main routes and arterials. Crews will work on residential streets only after main and arterial routes are in passable condition. If snow and ice continue to be severe, it may take quite a while until road crews are able to work on residential streets. For more information about Renton snow routes visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov).
- Yield to plow trucks and do not follow closer than 100 feet.
- Do not pass the sander. If the sander is approaching you head on, try to move to the side of the road until it passes. The sander operator makes every attempt to turn off the sand when approaching vehicles, but this is not always possible. Sanding trucks may use intersections to turn around or change direction, so be aware of the actions of the truck.
- In many cases the sander **MUST** back up a steep hill, placing sand for traction as it backs up the hill. If you see a sander truck backing up the hill, stop and get off to the side.
- It is important to remember that even sanding trucks may have difficulty on ice covered roads, even when chained up.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP YOURSELF

- Make every effort to park off the street whenever possible. On narrow streets, if you must park on the street try to park on the same side of the street as other vehicles to allow more room for the sander.
- Do not park at or within 50 feet of an intersection as the sander trucks and plows are wide and need room to maneuver.
- Do not abandon your vehicle in the street. It could be towed away.
- If a snow plow blocks your driveway with snow, keep a snow shovel handy to clear the snow away from your driveway.
- You as the property owner are responsible to clear the sidewalk. Following a snow storm you should clean away the sand along your property. (Add it to your grass or flower bed - it will help with drainage and can fill low spots.)
- If you live on a hill you are on the list to be sanded or de-iced; however, you will still have traction issues, even when you have been sanded or de-iced.
- Please **DO NOT** sled on streets. If you do choose to sled, **PLEASE** have an adult present with kids that are sledding on street.
- After the snow is gone, the city's main priority is to sweep up the sand as quickly as possible. It will take 3-4 times longer to sweep up all of the sand as it did to place it. The city sweeps the most heavily sanded areas first and will get to other streets as soon as possible.

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