

# WINTER TIDBITS!

## DRIVEWAY CLEARING TIPS

The following suggestions are intended to make your driveway snow removal easier and safer:

- If possible, wait until the road has been completely plowed to the curb before shoveling the last 5-10 feet of your driveway. This way less snow from the road will end up in your driveway. It takes several hours after a typical storm has ended for the County to completely clear snow from the road.
- It is best to place snow on the far side of your driveway, away from the direction the plow is traveling. In most cases, this means placing the snow on the right side of your driveway as you face the road. This way the plow will carry the snow away from your driveway, rather than back into it.
- Do **NOT** shovel, blow, or plow snow from your driveway into or across the road. Remember, you can be held responsible for the actions of your contractor!
- Do **NOT** allow children to play on snow banks along the side of the road. The County may need to push back snow banks days after a storm to create room for the next snow event.

## WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- Clean your vehicle of all snow and ice, including the roof, required by law in the state of New Jersey.
- Allow extra time to reach your destination. During snow storms, travel only when absolutely necessary.
- Keep a safe distance from plow trucks and other vehicles.

## CHECKLIST OF ITEMS YOU SHOULD MAINTAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE

- All-season tires on your car.
- Shovel & a sack of sand for generating traction under wheels
- Flashlights with extra batteries.
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- Several blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Newspapers for insulation
- Plastic bags for sanitation
- Matches
- Extra set of mittens, socks & a wool cap.
- Snow gear & extra clothes
- Tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver, etc.)
- Booster cables
- Brightly colored cloth to use as a flag
- Bottled water
- Snacks

## POTHOLES

The County takes pot holes very seriously. Maintenance crews are constantly on the lookout for potholes, but we welcome citizen calls about potholes as well. The sooner the pothole is reported, the more quickly Public Works can remove that road hazard.

If you see a pothole that needs repair, please call the County at 453-2192 or on the web at: [www.co.cumberland.nj.us](http://www.co.cumberland.nj.us) and click on the *Citizen Service Request* Link to help expedite our response. Please be prepared to provide some specific information such as:

1. The exact location.
2. Size (approximate length/width/depth).
3. Whether the pothole is in the driving lane or shoulder.

The more information we have, the better we can serve you.

## REMEMBER THESE GENERAL RULES WHEN DRIVING AROUND SNOW EQUIPMENT:

- Don't pass a snow plow.
- Don't assume the snow plow operator can see you. Every truck has blind spots which reduce side and rear visibility.
- Allow plenty of stopping distance; don't follow too closely.
- Keep your headlights on low beam
- Slow Down



Please direct any questions to  
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