



CLEARING NEVADA ROADS

Year in and year out, the Nevada Department of Transportation secures roadways from harsh winters with expert personnel, technology and dedication.

Training/Equipment

- * NDOT snow equipment operators undertake extensive winter operations training.
- * Most NDOT snow equipment are multi-use workhorses, used to plow in winter and perform other duties in summer.

Technology

- * Liquid anti-icers are applied to roads in advance of ice or snow to help prevent roadway icing.
- * Thick, sturdy sand is used on roads during winter snow removal. This sturdy sand does not break down as easily, reducing particulates released into the air.
- * NDOT road weather information systems pinpoint roads needing salt, sand or brine, greatly reducing use of all three products.
- * State-of-the-art, computerized salt and sand spreaders allow extreme precision and efficiency of salt/sand use.

ROAD CONDITIONS

By Phone

Inside Nevada, dial 511

Outside of Nevada,
dial 1-877-NV-ROADS

On-Line

www.nevadadot.com

Radio

1610 AM and 530 AM in certain areas

Chain Requirements

Full snow chain
requirement information available at
www.nevadadot.com/winter

Your safety is our priority!

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**The Nevada Department
of Transportation
knows you can't put your
schedule on hold when
it snows.**

**When you must drive
in winter weather,
follow these tips for
safe driving and
always remember,**

Ice and Snow - Take it Slow!



- * Only travel in winter weather when necessary, leave enough time to safely reach your destination and plan your route to avoid snowy/icy areas and steep hills.
- * Before leaving home, check weather and road conditions by dialing 511 within Nevada (or 1-877-NV-ROADS outside of Nevada).
- * Share your travel itinerary so others know when to expect you.
- * Remove snow and ice from all vehicle windows, mirrors, lights, turn signals and license plates.
- * Buckle up.
- * Turn on headlights to see and be seen.
- * Turn off cruise control.
- * Avoid quick starts, stops and fast turns. Accelerate, brake and steer smoothly and gradually.
- * Reduce speed. Speed limits are based on normal road and weather conditions, not winter road conditions.
- * Do not slam on brakes. Apply steady pressure on ABS-equipped vehicles and pump the brakes if necessary on non-ABS vehicles.
- * Always comply with all posted chain requirements.
- * If your vehicle has snow tires, install and use them between October 1 and April 30.
- * Keep additional distance from other vehicles.
- * Watch carefully for snow removal equipment.
- * Do not pass without good distance and sight clearance.
- * Use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses and shaded areas - they may freeze first.
- * Maintain a high fuel level.
- * If vehicle begins to skid, steer in direction of slide and slowly remove foot from accelerator.
- * Be aware of black ice.
- * If parked or stuck in snow, leave window slightly cracked for ventilation and make sure vehicle exhaust system is clear of snow.

CHECK BEFORE YOU GO:

- * Wipers
- * Tires/tread
- * Brakes
- * Lights
- * Battery
- * Radiator
- * Belts/hoses
- * Exhaust/fuel/ignition system
- * Heater/defroster
- * Thermostat
- * Vehicle fluid levels
(*anti-freeze, oil, windshield and brake fluid*)
- * Full gasoline tank

CARRY WITH YOU:

- * Tire chains/tow strap
- * Flashlight
- * Spare batteries
- * Ice scraper
- * Cell phone for emergency communication
- * Snow shovel
- * Flares
- * Jumper cables
- * Small bag of sand for wheel traction
- * Extra winter clothes/coat/gloves/socks
- * Blanket or sleeping bag
- * Non-perishable foods/water
- * First aid supplies/prescription medication
- * Battery-operated radio
- * Candles/matches or lighter
- * State map for navigation in event of winter detour

SNOWPLOW SAFETY

- * Use caution when following, passing or approaching snow removal equipment.
- * Drive a safe distance behind snowplows. Plows often travel slower than other vehicles to remove snow, apply sand and liquid anti-icers and assist stranded vehicles.
- * Before attempting to pass snow removal equipment, check direction of snow discharge to avoid snow and debris thrown from equipment. Remember that plows are wider than most vehicles and portions of the plow and blade may be obscured by blowing snow.
- * Don't crowd the plow. Only pass snow removal vehicles when a safe, legal passing area is available and adequately clear of snow and/or treated with salt and sand.
- * Don't travel beside a snowplow. They can shift sideways after hitting snow packs or drifts.
- * When a plow approaches you, allow the plow room to operate by reducing speed and moving to the right side of the road if there is room to safely do so.
- * Do not brake with unnecessary sudden movements when in front of a snowplow - plows cannot stop as quickly as an automobile.
- * Don't drive through white out conditions caused by swirling snow around snowplows. Safely pull to the side or slow to allow visibility to improve.
- * Remember that a snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.