

## Winter Driving Safety Tips

- Reduce speed and allow plenty of space between you and the vehicle in front of you
- Avoid making sharp turns or braking suddenly, both of which can cause you to lose control of your vehicle
- If your vehicle begins to skid, gently steer in the direction of the skid to regain control; resist the urge to jerk the steering wheel in the other direction

## What to do When Caught in a Winter Storm and You are Stuck in your Vehicle

- ✓ Stay in your vehicle
- ✓ You will become quickly disoriented in wind-driven snow and cold
- ✓ Run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat
- ✓ Open the window a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning
- ✓ Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked
- ✓ Be visible to rescuers - turn on the dome light at night when running the engine
- ✓ Tie a colored cloth, preferably red to your antenna or door
- ✓ From time to time, move arms, legs, fingers and toes vigorously to keep blood circulating and to keep warm



## Submit A SERVICE REQUEST

In the event that you need to contact our public works department, please submit a service request on-line by going to our website - <https://www.rmofstandrews.com/p/service-requests>. If you are submitting through your phone, you must download the RM App first from the App store and then submit through the App. Staff will receive the requests via email and respond accordingly if necessary. Requests then get tracked in our system and assigned a tracking number.

## STAY INFORMED

### Register for CONNECT

to receive emergency notifications by phone call to your landline or cell phone, texts or emails - it's your choice!  
Call the RM Office at 1-866-738-2264 or register on-line at <https://www.rmofstandrews.com/p/connect-st-andrews>



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## Winter Storms

### Emergency Preparedness Tips



- ◆ Prepare an Emergency Kit for your Home and Vehicle
- ◆ Check weather reports and travel advisories
- ◆ Stay Informed



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When there is a major snowfall, roads will be cleared as soon as possible, or once the snow has stopped accumulating. If there are high winds and blowing snow, equipment will be sent out once the winds die down and visibility is safe enough for snow clearing operations. Staff will work evenings and weekends when required to make roads accessible and safe. Please avoid unnecessary travel so you do not get stuck on an unplowed road. Always check the RM website for any possible snow clearing updates.

**To ensure your roadway is maintained efficiently, we ask that everyone adhere to the following:**

- ✓ All property owners are responsible for clearing residual snow ridges/windrows from the end of their driveways
- ✓ Snow is not to be pushed, shoveled or blown from any property onto municipal property, including roadways and ditches; if snow is pushed onto a roadway, the snow can form an ice block which can damage equipment and if hit by motorists, can cause a great deal of damage
- ✓ Vehicles are not to be parked on roadways as they will obstruct snow clearing operations
- ✓ Ensure private property (ie. garbage bins, driveway markers, mailboxes etc.) is not in the way of the snow plow or the overflow of the snow wake being removed

## How can you help during snow clearing efforts?

- ☑ Clear the way - before the snow falls, please remove newspaper boxes from roadways to avoid interference with snow removal operations
- ☑ Slow down - reduce your driving speed to account for slippery road conditions and snow clearing operations during and after a snow storm
- ☑ Practice slow patience - our plow operators work extremely hard to maintain high levels of service during a snow event; please be patient while roads are being cleared
- ☑ Timelines for this work depend on the severity and duration of the storm; as a result, it is difficult for staff to give a specific time as to when a road or sidewalk will be cleared
- ☑ Do not pass an active plow on the right hand side; passing an active plow and following too closely is dangerous for you, the plow operator and other drivers. Snow plow operators will pull over and let you pass when it is safe to do so.
- ☑ Stay 20 metres behind snow clearing equipment

## Preparing for a Winter Storm

### AT HOME:

- ◇ A shovel and salt
- ◇ Flashlights with extra batteries
- ◇ Candles
- ◇ Non-perishable food
- ◇ Bottled water
- ◇ Blankets and warm clothing
- ◇ Necessary prescription medicines
- ◇ Charged cell phone with spare battery

### IN YOUR VEHICLE:

- ◇ Vehicle full of gas
- ◇ Windshield scraper/brush
- ◇ Tool kit
- ◇ Sand/cat litter
- ◇ First aid kit
- ◇ Blankets and warm clothing
- ◇ Small shovel
- ◇ Non-perishable food and bottled water



### WINTER STORM WATCH

**BE AWARE** | Severe weather such as heavy snow or ice is possible in the next day or two.



### WINTER STORM WARNING

**TAKE ACTION** | Severe winter conditions have either begun or will begin soon in your area.