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## **Snohomish County Road Maintenance Crews Continue to Clear and Prep Roads**

*Don't sled on slopes that lead into or on unincorporated county roads*

**EVERETT, Wash., February 11, 2019** – Following a full week of snow storms, Snohomish County Road Maintenance crews continued their work overnight and into this morning to prepare roads throughout unincorporated Snohomish County for yet another winter blast.

During the past 16 hours, crews applied 250 tons of sand, 203 tons of a mixture of salt and sand, and 1,400 gallons of liquid anti-icer to county roads in preparation for today's commutes and another storm that will move in this evening.

“Our crews are working hard to keep the streets clear and we also need your help to keep everyone safe,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Steve Thomsen said. “Do not sled on unincorporated county roads or slopes leading onto county roads as Snohomish County Public Works crews are plowing and sanding streets for vehicle use.”

Crews will be on 12-hour shifts for at least the next 24 hours until conditions adequately improve.

Forecasts show the potential for a large amount of snow fall this evening. To see where snowplows will clear first, visit the [Snohomish County Public Works priority routes map](#). The prioritization of snow and ice routes are based on traffic volume, transit and school bus routes, terrain, and knowledge of problem areas. While the department appreciates hearing of particularly severe road conditions that may be preventing travel, crews needs to continue to focus on priority routes.

Check for road closures on the [Snohomish County Road Closure Information website](#).

Before heading out today or during a snow or ice event, it is highly recommended that commuters check their travel routes and options. For those venturing through unincorporated Snohomish County, visit the Public Works [Snow and Ice webpage](#) for more information on the county's snow response.

## **During snow/ice weather events, it's also important to:**

- Know who to call and when:
  - Life-threatening emergencies, call 911.
  - [Non-life threatening emergencies: 425-407-3999](tel:425-407-3999)
- Give snowplows and deicers plenty of room to work. Allow for a minimum following distance of 200 feet from the plows and deicers while they are working.
- If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the displaced snow and ice, or sand spray.
- Vehicles parked along all major arterials and emergency routes must be moved off the street. It is recommended for them to be moved when snow is in the forecast.
- Keep drainage inlets near your home clear of leaves and debris during the winter months to help reduce the chance of flooding.
- Try to keep garbage bins and other obstacles out of the street when the roads are icy or covered with snow.
- Obey road closed signs.

Follow the [Department of Emergency Management](#) and [Snohomish County](#) on Twitter and like [Snohomish County on Facebook](#) for the most up-to-date information during an event.

### **About Snohomish County Public Works**

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).

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