

## IF YOU BECOME SNOWBOUND

- Stay in your vehicle and wait for help to find you.
- Make sure exhaust pipe is clear of snow.
- Keep vehicle window slightly open.
- Run engine for short periods of time to stay warm.
- Hang brightly colored cloth on antenna and turn on flashing lights when possible.
- Turn on dome light at night to signal rescuers.
- Do minor exercises to keep up circulation.
- If more than one person is in vehicle, take turns sleeping and huddle together for warmth.

## HOME SAFETY

- Do not blow or shovel snow from driveway or sidewalks into the street. It is a hazard to all vehicles.
- Be aware that snow shoveling is a strenuous activity made worse by extremely cold temperatures. Older residents and those in ill health should not shovel. Prior to a snow storm, make arrangements with someone to shovel for you.
- Neutralize ice on a short term basis with kitty litter to improve traction. Use rock salt and calcium chloride pellets for long term ice build up.
- Check home smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
- Always have enough home heating fuel.
- After a snowfall, please clear all fire hydrants of snow accumulation.

## WINTER WEATHER TERMS

**WINTER STORM WATCH** - Severe winter weather may affect our area.

**WINTER STORM WARNING** - Severe winter weather conditions are definitely on the way.

**BLIZZARD WARNING** - Large amount of falling or blowing snow and winds of at least 35 miles per hour are expected to last for several hours.

**WIND CHILL** - Wind chills of minus 30 degrees Fahrenheit or lower will cause frostbite on exposed skin in a very short period of time.

**FROSTBITE** - Symptoms include a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance. Fingers, toes, nose and ear lobes are most quickly affected.

**HYPOTHERMIA** - Symptoms include uncontrollable shivering, slow speech, memory lapses, frequent stumbling and drowsiness. If either frostbite or hypothermia is suspected, slowly warm the victim and seek immediate medical assistance. Never give a frostbite or hypothermia victim a sedative or alcohol.

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# A Message From Town Supervisor JOHN VENDITTO

Dear Neighbor,

No matter how great an accumulation of snow winter may bring, we in the Town of Oyster Bay remain prepared. Town roads are cleared quickly and efficiently, and we are all able to go about the business of daily living within a reasonable amount of time.



For information regarding snow clearing operations on Town-maintained roads or other emergency operations, please call the Town's Highway Department at 677-5757.

For information regarding snow clearing operations on incorporated village-maintained roads, contact your local village hall.

For information regarding snow clearing operations on Nassau County-maintained roads, call the Nassau County Department of Public Works at 571-6900.

For information regarding snow clearing operations on State-maintained roads, call the State Transportation Department "Information System" at 631-904-3050.

We are hoping for a mild winter. But, just in case Mother Nature doesn't oblige, be sure to keep these safety tips handy.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN VENDITTO  
Town Supervisor

## WHEN A SNOW STORM IS FORECAST

When the National Weather Service forecasts a snow storm for our area, the Town's Highway Department swings into action.

2,000 pounds of 75% salt and 25% sand are loaded onto ten-wheel trucks. 1,500 pounds of the same mixture of salt and sand are loaded onto six-wheel sand spreaders. Designated snow emergency routes, such as main arteries and school bus routes, are sanded and salted first. If the snow accumulates above a few inches, these roads will be plowed first.

Next, salt or sand are applied to feeder streets to allow access to main roads. If the snow accumulates above a few inches, the feeder streets are plowed after the priority roads.

Dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs are then sanded and plowed.



## SNOW CONTROL CENTRAL

The Highway Department has, through the Geographic Information System, divided the Town's 750 miles of roadways into 167 individual maps. Ten-wheel trucks are assigned specific areas and issued the appropriate maps. If an area encompasses narrow streets that a ten-wheel truck cannot effectively clear, six-wheelers or four-wheel drive vehicles are used.

When the trucks return to the Highway Yard, all the maps are collected and filed under the date of the storm, providing a complete history of snow clearing operations during that specific storm.

## WHEN THE FLAKES START FLYING: TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

- When the National Weather Service predicts a snowfall of three inches or more, or when the Town Supervisor declares a snow emergency, all cars **MUST** be removed from designated snow emergency routes.

- **Please remove cars from streets wherever possible.** Arrange with neighbors to make use of driveways that are not being utilized. A snow plow must plow an extra 60 feet in order to go around a single parked car. If all cars were off the streets, Town roads could be completely plowed in approximately half the time.

- As an alternative to removing cars from the street, Town Code states that in odd-numbered years, cars are to be parked on the odd-numbered side of the street and in even-numbered years, they are to be parked on the even-numbered side of the street.

- Remove all obstacles from the roadway and utility strip (*grassy area between the street and public sidewalk*) in front of your home. This includes all sports equipment (i.e. hockey/soccer nets, basketball hoops, and skateboard ramps and rails). Removing these items will help protect the safety of the snowplow operators and will help eliminate damage to your property.

- When a snow storm strikes, avoid driving. If you must drive, fill your gas tank and stock your vehicle with blankets, a shovel, flashlight and batteries, quick energy foods, a brightly colored cloth to use as a flag, booster cables, windshield scraper, set of tire chains, distress flares, first aid kit and a small sack of sand to generate traction. Let someone know your travel plans and estimated time of arrival.

- Be careful at intersections when snow is on the ground. Heat emanating from idling cars melts the snow beneath the cars. The melted snow turns into icy patches and unsuspecting motorists skid when attempting to stop.