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## **Snow Hits Snohomish County: Resources to Prepare for Traveling on County Roads**

*Online resources for unincorporated Snohomish County snowplows and deicers route priorities*

**EVERETT, Wash., February 4, 2019** – Snohomish County Road Maintenance crews began clearing priority routes this morning at 4 a.m. As of 10 a.m. approximately 450 miles of roads throughout unincorporated Snohomish County have been plowed and treated with abrasives. Crews will be on 12-hour shifts for at least the next 24 hours as they continue to plow and apply sand until conditions adequately improve.

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 snowplow and sander route priorities, and road closure information. The prioritization of snow and ice routes are based on traffic volume, transit and school bus routes, terrain, and knowledge of problem areas. The prioritization does not change based on public calls – even multiple calls – requesting service.

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
- 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 employs approximately 600 staff members that develop and maintain county roads; control and manage surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversee 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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