

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- Avoid unnecessary driving/trips.
- Check the weather and plan your travel wisely.
- Give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination.
- Give yourself plenty of space. Increase your following distance to 8-10 seconds.
- Keep your windows and mirrors clear and don't drive until they have defrosted.
- Steer and brake gently with smooth and precise movements, not quick, jerky motions.
- If you start to slide, ease up on the brake.
- Drive in lanes that have been recently plowed and avoid changing lanes too often.
- If rear of your car starts to skid (to one side), take your foot off the gas or brake and gently steer in the direction of the rear slide.
- If the front of your car begins to skid (to one side), take your foot off the gas or brake and slowly steer in the intended direction.
- Ensure maintenance is up to date on your vehicle
- Fill up your gas tank
- Have an emergency kit that at least includes the following:
 - ✓ Non-perishable food/snacks
 - ✓ Water
 - ✓ Blankets/extra warm clothing
 - ✓ Jumper cables
 - ✓ Ice scraper
 - ✓ Shovel
 - ✓ Phone charger
 - ✓ Flashlight and batteries

