

REMINDER – REMOVE SNOW FROM VEHICLES

It has been the law in New Jersey since October 2010 that drivers (not owners) must make reasonable efforts to remove accumulated ice and snow from a motor vehicle prior to operation. Failure to do so may result in fines from \$25.00 to \$75.00 for each offense.

If snow or ice is dislodged from a vehicle, fines can be \$200-\$1,000 for non-commercial vehicles and \$500-\$1,500 for commercial vehicles. Municipal vehicles are not exempt.

Drivers are reminded to:

- Inspect your vehicle before beginning your shift. Make sure
 - Wipers work and cleaner fluid reservoirs are full
 - Defrosters work and vents are clear
 - Tires have good treads and are properly inflated. Cold temperatures can result in loss of air pressure.
 - Headlights work (low AND high beams) and are properly aimed. Also, REMEMBER high beams in heavy snowfall can reflect back at the driver, thereby REDUCING vision of the road.
- Watch weather forecasts. Prepare for predicted snow by
 - Fueling vehicle
 - Completely dry windshield. Cover with beach towel or similar cloth and secure in place.
 - Consider adding weight, (sandbags, etc.) to increase traction.
- Clear snow from windshield and remainder of vehicle.
[DESCRIBE YOUR AGENCY'S RESOURCES TO CLEAR SNOW FROM VEHICLES]
- Drive especially carefully in the snow and ice. Turn, brake and accelerate slowly. Increase your following distances.

Drive defensively.

You are a professional. Other drivers might not be as cautious!

Additional points / comments to be made:

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Follow-up actions:

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