



Winter Operations Newsletter

DON'T

Trucks release salt and sand from the back of the truck - if you're too close to the truck, materials could hit your windshield & obstruct visibility.

Crowd the Plow!

NEVER PASS Plow
On the **RIGHT**
Plows push snow to right shoulder & may use a wing (often 6-8 feet long) which is difficult to see.

BLIND SPOT

Plow trucks travel Between 25-35 MPH
Allow enough time & space to safely stop / slow down.

Don't assume the plow driver can see your vehicle.
The driver's field of vision is limited
You may see them, but they may **NOT** see you.

Remain at least 200 feet away from the plow truck to

1. Ensure the driver can see you at all times.
2. Allow time for you to slow down or stop.
3. Avoid obstructing visibility from material release or cloud of snow.

Remember: Plow trucks may need to "back up" at intersections during storm clean-so please leave them room to do so.

Safety Tips

Do **NOT** Crowd the Plow: Maintain a Safe Distance

Snowplows are large and operators cannot see directly behind the truck.

- **YELLOW STROBES** Means Go Slow! **SLOW DOWN** When You See a Snow Plow!
Snowplows travel at a slower speed; the most common crashes are motorists hitting the rear end of the plow. Stay alert and watch for a plow's amber strobe lights.
- **Do NOT Pass a Snow Plow on the Right!**
Many plows are equipped with a wing plow: a 6-8 foot extension on the right-hand side of the plow. The wing is difficult to see and can do damage to a passing car.
- **Do NOT Pass in a Snow Cloud!**

Be sure the road ahead is clear of vehicles or snow drifts before attempting to pass on the left. A snow cloud could be caused by crosswinds or a snowplow, so be patient!

- **REMEMBER: Snow Plows Do More Than PLOW!**

Plow trucks also spread salt and deicing agents, and these can spray your car. Maintain a safe distance between your car and the plow truck and be extremely cautious before passing on the left.

Play It Safe

Safety Tips for Children When Snow is on the Ground & Plows Are on the Road

Did you know? 1 plow truck weighs as much as 38 elephants!



MOVE AWAY FROM THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

Plows are big and can hide you from the driver's view if you're standing too close to the road. Also, the plow pushes heavy loads of ice and snow onto the side of the road.



WEAR BRIGHT COLORS
to help plow truck drivers see you better



PLAY AWAY FROM THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

Never tunnel or build forts in snowbanks along the side of the road. Drivers will not be able to see you, and if you're in the tunnel, you could be "snowed in" when a truck plows next to you.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Hillsborough Township's Snow and Ice Control Program you can call the Department of Public Works at 908-369-3950.

Did you Know?

Salt

The Hillsborough Township Department of Public Works uses approximately 3,000 tons of Salt, annually. The salt is housed on-site in our Salt Barn.

