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# Monroe County Residents Encouraged to Prepare for Upcoming Winter Weather Event

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MONROE, MI. With winter weather upon us, and the potential for hazardous weather from Wednesday, February 12, 2025 through Sunday, February 16, 2025, residents are encouraged to be flexible with travel plans and take necessary preparedness measures to stay safe.

## **Reminders to Residents:**

The Michigan Vehicle Code Act 300 of 1949 prohibits a person from pushing snow, ice, or slush onto or across a roadway or the shoulder of the roadway.

Michigan Public Act 72 of 2024 requires operators of a vehicle to keep a distance of 200 feet behind an operating snow plow. The operator of a vehicle shall also remain 20 feet from a snowplow which is stopped at an intersection.

## **Automotive Travel Preparedness Tips:**

Carry an emergency supply kit in your vehicle with essential items such as salt, sand, a shovel, food, water and blankets.

Ensure your car has the proper mix of antifreeze and water in the cooling system and that windshield washing fluid is topped off.

Keep tires at the car manufacturer's recommended pressure and routinely check tire pressure during cold weather. Cold weather can affect tire pressure.

Keep the fuel tank near full to prevent freezing of the fuel line; and to sustain the vehicle in long traffic delays.

When traveling, let someone know your destination, route and expected arrival time.

Motorists are encouraged to check travel conditions and weather reports before driving. Major road closures can be found at [www.michigan.gov/MiDrive](http://www.michigan.gov/MiDrive). Additional resources can be found at [www.michigan.gov/RoadConditions](http://www.michigan.gov/RoadConditions). The County of Monroe asks that you tune into local news for further updates.