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WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS – FROM YOUR COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

- Do your best to minimize distractions so your focus can be on driving. Put your cell phone away and concentrate on the road. Be aware of other motorists who may be unprepared for changing road conditions.
- Reduce your speed and don't be pressured by cars behind you to drive faster than you are comfortable with. Always allow extra time to reach your destination.
- Avoid sudden starts, stops, and turns. Accelerate carefully so your vehicle wheels won't spin.
- Keep a safe distance between you and the car in front of you to ensure you can stop fast enough, even on icy roads.
- Give yourself more braking room, and remember not to pump anti-lock brakes. Providing constant pressure to your brakes gives you better braking and steering control.
- Beware of ice patches and know where ice forms most readily such as bridges, overpasses, shady spots, and intersections.
- In snow, drive in the ruts. The traction is better when you drive in ruts, or tire tracks. Make sure you change lanes slowly and smoothly.
- Don't attempt to pass snow plow vehicles while they are plowing. Never attempt to pass a snow plow on the right. Plows can suddenly move sideways from hitting drifts or by cutting through packed snow.
- Don't crowd the plow. Plow drivers have limited visibility and cannot see directly behind their trucks.
- Always wear your seatbelt and make sure every passenger is properly buckled before getting on the road.